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Jdm P. Sprowles
Rochester
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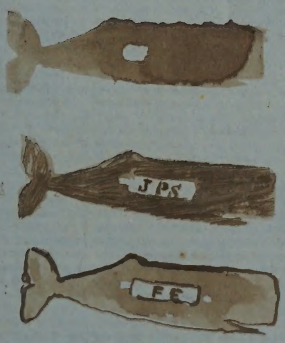
Oct 20th 1860

January 1st 1860 at sea bound to New Zealand
" " 1861 at Anchor in Auckland




John P. Sprowles
Ship Mt Wollaston
Homeward Bound
May 27th
1862

John T. Spooner.

Oct. 20th 1859 Rochester

Mass.

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November 12th 1859 Sailed in the Rainbow of
New Bedford on a sperm whale voyage.
Jan 1st 1860. at sea bound to New Zealand
Jan 1st 1861 at anchor in Auckland
April 1st 1862 again at Auckland.
April 27th Took passage in the Ant.
Wallaston for home.
Sept. 1862 Arrived at New Bedford.
once more my home reads. J. T. Spooner

November 3rd 1863 Rochester
Sailed from New York in the Ship Mass.
James R. Keeler for Trieste.

Commencement of the seafaring life of
John P. Spooner.

1st v. in the Whaler Rainbow of New Bedford
2nd v. " " Merchantman James R. Keeler of New York

Sailed from New Bedford Saturday Nov. 12th 1859
for the Pacific Ocean. Capt. Rainbow Mate James
Nichols, James W. Andrews 1st mate A. T. Gifford
2nd do F. Tiffany 3rd do. Fuller 4th do.
Sunday Nov. 27th Nothing of any importance has
occurred previous to this date have had a fair wind
but now the wind is N.W. by W. and we begin
to get along some, saw this morning about 8 o'clock
a sail dead ahead and at three this afternoon she
was hull down astern and at five was not to be
seen. Food just begin to relish and I begin to feel
better. I rise at 5 or 6 o'clock about when the steward
calls me wash and go in, trim the lamps and
set the table for breakfast which comes at seven
after breakfast I clean the knives sweep wipe dishes &c
which takes till nine. I have to set the 1st mate when T. 10.
11½. A. M. 2 to 4 P. M. From 6 to 11½ and from 1 to 4 P. M.
it is so much to do except to wait on the officers, &
indeed to wait on little each day A. P. Spooner

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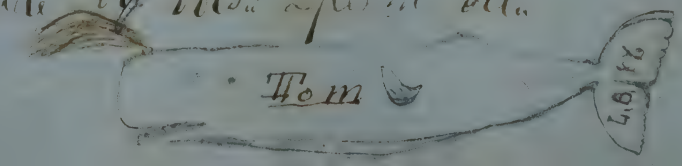
Monday Nov 21st Every thing as usual. Catched my
21st pantaloons today for the first time. Luckily there
were my old ones for it was a queer looking place.
Tuesday Nov 22nd Light wind fair weather
I drink coffee now days & it for the first
22nd time in my life last thursday, and like it
quite well now. Saw a school of porpoises.
Wednesday Nov 23rd Cranberry dumplings, high life!!
This afternoon the man at the mast head sing out
that he saw something. The 1st mate went aloft &
all that he could make out was something
23rd supposed to be whales breaching, making white
water at the distance of seven or eight miles.
Did my first washing today but did not get my
clothes dry on account of the weather.
Thursday Nov 24th Thanksgiving day at home
24th foul weather rain blow & so the all today.
27th Monday Nov 28 Saw a seventy bbl whale all day
Wednesday Nov 30th 2nd mates boat took a
1st pair whale which proved to be a very fat one and
made 70 bbls of pure oil.



Monday Dec 19th had a light wind and pleasant weather. Last Monday we made the Isle of Pines today made Bonna vista

Tuesday 20th Today made the isle of Muy and St Jago to east weather a head

21. St Jago Sat 12 o'clock. The custom house boat came off and soon our boat went ashore and brought off oranges & water melons

Thursday 22nd The big Executive of Bungor, Having in battempting to take their vessel slays would come in contact with us Cutting away our flying jib boom and breaking bowsprit off about four feet out side of the bows

Saturday 24th Having got every thing right plenty of oranges bananas and cocoanuts on board set sail for New Zealand this afternoon at 5 1/2 o'clock with a fair wind

Thursday January 19th 1860

Since leaving Forts Frazer we have had various kinds of weather and blew different courses but now to S.E. Today is my birth day am 42 years old One of our men Thomas Williams a Kanaka died last night and was buried in the Lark blue sea this morning at 10 o'clock A.M. He was sick but a short time before he died.

Saturday January 21st

Light winds &c Have been setting up the fore rigging putting on our rattlings. This afternoon we killed three pigs rather slim to make pork.

Sunday January 22nd

The carpenter has been putting on battens to the sides and the fore main and after hatches and to-day they were painted likewise the boat chest bin tubs & wash bench.

Sunday Feb 12th 1860

Calm light breeze in sight Made Bonabel one an English bark.

Monday Feb 13th 1860

Lowered for blackfish this morning and a gallied sperm whale this afternoon chased the whale till sunset with no success

Tuesday Feb 14th 1860

Began with rough weather the bow boat was hoisted in on deck in consequence of being cut through by the forward gripe. Have not left bed

March 1860

Got ten bbls fish at 1st pearls or No ... Carried away mizzen topmast. cleared the wreck. rough weather.

Sunday March 25th At 7 am raised whales at 9 lowered took up the boats at 1 pm without success lowered at 2 pm at 5 struck got along side at 8 pm. 28th Cut in one piece very rough 29th Cutting in finished the body at one p.m. Obliged to let the head go on account of the rough weather Cleaned up Saturday

Ship Rainbow of New-Bedford. [illegible]
Saturday April 7th 1866.

Raised whales at 1 P. M. at 2 lowered at 3
W.B. struck a young sperm whale, got alongside at
dark, fluke chains over, stove the mast boat.
This whale spouted no blood.

Sunday 8th

Cutting in. Blubber very tender
Got the head off and body in. Very fat.
Sunday 15th Head made 104 bbls.
Tuesday 17th Saw spoke & jammed the Sea Gull
Capt. Chas Nichols. Capt Chase

Friday 20th Saw spoke & jammed the Margaret Scott
Sunday 22nd Jammed with the Sea Gull Hamlin
and Hudson

May 1866

Saw a school of gallied sperm whales
Near Goat Island. Lowered all the
boats but with no success.
May 30th 1866 Saw 5 sperm whales going to Windward

June 1866

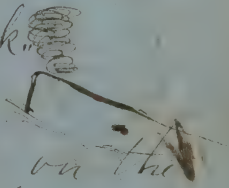
June 4th Saw a large body of whales, gallied
by the Stark Burning, chased them and
lowered twice but with no success. 5th Saw more
whales in sight

whale voyage. James Nichols Middletown 1860

Wednesday June 20th 1860.

Saw two vessels to windward, they saw whales they lowered but without success.
Saw the Mt. Wollaston on Saturday and the Oneida. Yesterday. Two Barkques, one was the Waverly.

Sunday June 24th At 4 P.M. Raised Whales lowered but with no success night came so quick.



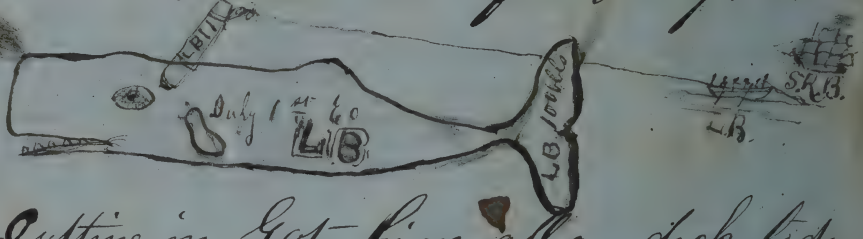
Tuesday June 26th Raised Sperm whales on the lea bow chased them all day with no success Seven times hand running have we chased whales and no whale yet. Better luck boys and bye. L
Seen whales 11 times since November 1859

Saturday June 30 Raised sperm whales at 7 A.M. Lowered in the afternoon but with no success The Mt. Wollaston (Coffin) & Pagan (Grant) Got a whale between them.

8 times and no whale yet

Ship Rainbow of New Bedford
Sunday July 1st 1860

Mr. Andrews Raised two whales at 10 A.M. at 10½
Lowered in about 5 minutes struck got along side
at 12½ Starboard boat was stove, he had the
Larboard & Waist boats both in his mouth.
Steward went in the boat for the first
time.




Monday 2nd Cutting in Got him all on deck today
Tuesday 3rd Boiling and bailing the case
Wednesday 4th of July Boiling out oil.
104 bbls.

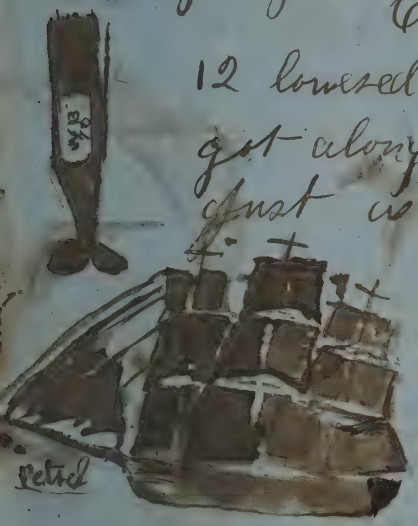
Saturday July 14th Alm Raised 4 Whales at 8½ Lowered
about 3 at 9 L.B. struck took up the boats at 6½
whale ran and sounded so that they were obliged to cut

Putting up Mizzen Topmast

Saturday July 21st
Wing Raised sperm whales at 4 P.M.
at 5½ S.B. struck got stove and rolled
over, held on line as long as possible. but
it all went before a boat could reach them.

On a Sperm Whale Voyage. J. Nichols

Tuesday July 24th 1860 —



Copper raised whales at 11 A.M. at 12 lowered at 3 W B struck, turned up at 1½ got alongside at the W B's Iron drew just as the 5th struck. Cumming.

Wednesday 25th last Boat Iron in.

Thursday 26th Boiling out and Bail

Friday 27th One year ago to day Dear sister Lizzie died.

We made 70 bbls. seventy

Monday Aug 6th Made Pylstarts, discovered a shoal lowered a boat and sounded. 20 fat

Running for Cantab, (or) Cantaurus

Thursday 9th Made the wisked for land

Friday 10th Anchored in cantabber

Tuesday 21st Discharged Mr Andrews 1st Officer

Thursday August 23rd Took our anchor and Promoted the 2nd Off. 23rd

at 12 o'clock Kantara was 6 miles distant.

Wednesday Aug 29th at 5 o'clock raised a large lot of sperm whale on the lee quarter about 1½ of a mile from the ships to windward lowered whale perceived the ships 30th saw the Admiral

The Brothers

# Ship Rain-Bow. of New Bedford. Cruising on

## September 1860

Sep 2nd Sunday Commenced with strong Breezes and fair weather. The Three brothers in sight on the lea bow. Sea Gull on the weather quarter boiling.

September 17th Monday. Manuel raised whales at 2 P.M.

Lowered but with no success.

Tuesday 18 saw the bark George chasing sperm whales

lowered all 4 boats but with no success

She got a whale.

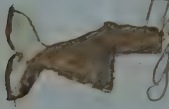
Thursday 20th Jimmy Raised whales ~~before breakfast~~ at 11 a.m.

lowered at 11 struck at 1 foul line had to cut

Friday 21st Jack raised whales before breakfast lowered

and chased in company with the three Boats Bark George sent a boat down to the whales fast as our boat was going on the

Bark's but got ahead of ours but I guess



they didn't get a whale by a long piece Jimmies Arnold got the whale we lost the 20

The Vasques ground for Sperm Whales. J. Nichols. Master.

Monday October 13th "

the 22nd time. 6th " Whale

Chased whales in company with Bark's George and Elizabeth Swift. Ships Petrel. Mt. Wollaston James Arnold & Sea Gull. the Petrel & Mt. Wollaston and Arnold got 2 whales between them. The Bark E. Swift & Ship Rainbow got one also. We saw 16th Cutting in 17th & 18th boiling 20th Stowing down

Monday Nov. 12th 1860

Twelve months ago to-day we Left New-Bedford in almost a gale of wind. Came very near going ashore on South-Shoals got within 4 miles of it when the wind shifted and we got off clear by good luck Lowered to-day for black-fish but with no success.

Friday November 16th 1860

At eight A. M. Fisher raised sperm whales on the lee beam two miles off going to windward quick. Lowered three boats immediately. Took them aboard at 11 A. M. At 2 P. M. the whales were 13 miles off. On the weather beam.

Saturday 17th "

Lowered the 2d B. for a large [illegible] Generally the case.

Ship Rain-Bow, of New-Bedford. Cruising o

Monday Nov. 18th 1860

Jenney raised whales at ½ P. M.
Lowered at ½ " Whales got gallied and turned to
Windward. Took up the boats at 7 P. M.

Tuesday Nov. 20th

Lowered for blackfish at 8 A. M.
Came aboard at 11 " No success.

Wednesday NOV. 21st

25 times 4th whale Wing raised whales at 9½ A. M.
Got dinner and lowered at 11. At 20 m to 1
W. B. struck at 1 P. M. Parted S. B. Lowered
and struck in 10 min. Got along side at 3 "
Thursday 22nd Boiling out. Cut him in
Last night before 10 P. M. Begins to rain.
[illegible]

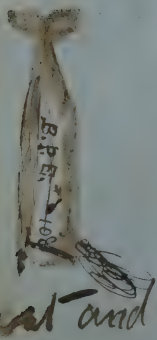
December 16th 1860 Made cape Egett.
" 17th " Stood along up the land light
winds. At 1 o'clock A. M. of the 18th " cast
anchor at an island, about 30 miles from Auckland
Dec 18th " Cast anchor at the city of Auckland,
It is a very handsome city, it is very large
and a great many houses and a good many
ships, barques and sloops.

Vasques-Ground 1860, JAMES NICHOLS MASTER.

Ship Rainbow of New Bedford 1861
Laying at anchor at the city of Aneland.
December latter part- stripped the foremast &
bowsprit took in the fly jibboom and
took out the fore mast. H. M. Ships
vrave Iris & Pelorus are at anchor here
January 2nd 1861 [illegible] or B
Got the fore mast in today

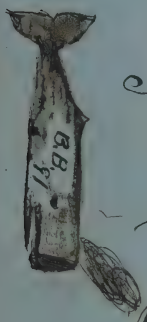
Ship Rainbow. Sailed from Auckland. N. Z.
Saturday Feb. 8th 1861.

Have had various winds and weather been under different sail. Shipped partly a new crew in consequence of some (10) leaving. One of whom took a verbal discharge. — But we have men who will well supply their places. — The Rainbow is once more herself again. After being formerly 15 months something else. — Saw the Pioneer the 17th. Elizabeth 24th.
Wednesday Feb. 27th Saw the Brig "Prince Edward" Capt Edwards of Auckland, chasing whales lowered at 1 P.M. W.B. struck at 4 P.M. got rolled over and stove lost the line, The L.B. Boats chased but with no success
Thursday 28th Brig got a whale yesterday. saw her boats down at 12 A.M. chasing whales again. lowered 3 of ours at 8. We waited her boat struck at 8½. got her starboard Boat stove to splinters L.B. stove Badly not worth repairing. We took the whale a[illegible] and by 11, took her boat on deck, 1,08 BBLs



Off French Rock March 1861

Friday March 15th Carpenter raised whales from the riggen rigging a 6½ A.M. Lowered the W.B. & W.B. at 7¼ — The B+B. at 8½ at 10+20m struck Whale ran S. W. Lowered but could not get fast — at 5 o'clock turned up got alongside in a quarter of an hour no one fast: but the B+B.



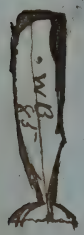

16th cutting, rough got head off and body in after parting chain block strap " breaking a bucket hook. Bad looks is our 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22d by the head parted from it twice and after all found the case all gone Bad-nurse, 23d Stowed down yesterday and today cleaned up dredy. Made 21 Bbls

24th Raised a ship to leeward at 8 A. M. Ran off and found that she was whaling It was the Japan — mated with her we lowered three boats struck at ½ 12 turned up at — 2½ p.m. Japan took him to out —

28th divided oil bet Eliz. Swift have 35 bbls on the old score, we to about 30 bbls. He made about — 40 Bbls 35+40 = 75

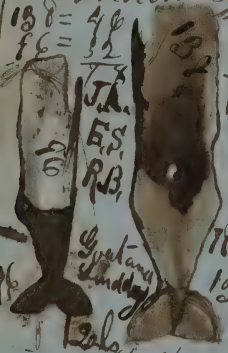
SHIP RAINBOW of New Bedford Cruising
Saturday April 6th 1861 Saw the Sophia —
Thornton of New Bedford. Briggs master
Sunday 7th "

Mr Fuller raised whales at 10 minutes
to 7 in the morning lowered but took the toals
up at 10. B.B struck but iron drew.
Lowered again and struck about 1 P.M.
turned up at 3. mated the I. I. got a boat
alone. — we took the whale.




42 Saturday 13th " Stowing down and gamming
with the Petrel. Whale made 85 BBls

Monday April 29th at 7 3/4 3/2 3/4 (78 bbls
Lowered at 1 P.M. struck at 10 A.M.
Saw struck another one got them both. Jas. Arnold took " Bark. E. Swift
May 21st " saw more whales no success




Friday June 7th " Gamt raised whales at 10 o'clock. Lowered
at 3 and chased in company with the Seagull. B.B.
struck, a small whale got alongside at 5 1/2 P.M.
11th " gamming with Sea Gull and Abomilet. whale
made 3 bbls.

for sperm whales off French Rock New Zealand 1861
" " " " Sunday Island " " 1861
" " " on Vasques Ground Latitude 25 & 27

Saturday July 6th 1861 Lat 26.46 S, Frank Worth raised whales at 8 A.M. Lowered and chased all day but with no success, the whales were gallied by an unforeseen event.

Sunday July 7th Jenny Raised whales at 7 A.M. Lowered and chased but with no success

Tuesday 16th Made the land, at 5 p.m. anchored at Vavau laid out for hard work, Recruited the ship scoured all the oil and got under weigh and stood for Upolu for water, made the land

Wednesday 17th August Got liberty here each watch having two days, Got under weigh 24th

Saturday 24 left Apolu at 8 o'clock in company with the Sophia Thurston, a 5 Sack raiser saw a large bone sperm whale, lowered but no race

Tuesday 27th made Wallaces Island, stopped there for men

Thursday 29th made Horn Island stopped for taro

SHIP RAINBOW of New Bedford, James

Friday August 30 1861

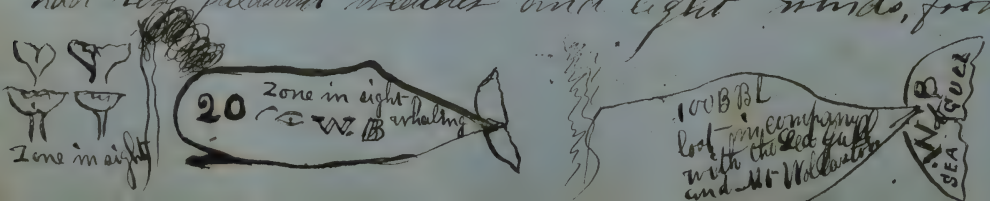
Today laying off and on at Horn Island in company with the Ship J—

Monday Sept 1861 off Fiji — Round Island —

Bark Siene Raised Sperm Whales at 7½ A.M. lowered at 9 Seine got a calf which made about 1½ bbls B. Minerva got a 40 bbl whale Several ships on the ground

[illegible]

Friday Nov. 8th 1861 — Have seen whales three times since we came on to the ground, have got only 20 bbls of oil. Have seen here the Sea Gull Mt Wollaston Draper, Bk E. Swift, Dan'l Wood 2 one to one or two Have been engaged the last week in mending sails. Have had very pleasant weather and light winds, from the East.



Nichols — Master Cruising on VASQUES for Sperm Oil

Today steering off, forenoon N.W. afternoon S.W.
overhauling the mizzen stay. Burning out the head
casks, employed about and the usual work of the ship also,
Rigging has all been rattled and tarred down from
T. Gallt to the deck. forand aft stays and backstays
New running rigging has been rove where needed,
block straps and pennants overhauled and fitted,
and the ship put in order generally.

Tuesday November 12 1861.

We are two years out today. Strong wind
and pleasant weather steering full and by
Sunday Nov. 17th
All sail out Moderate breezes from the east
Steering off free due West, At three P.M. saw
jumpers breaching and spouting at half past raised
a spout two points on the starboard bow. "Luffed
too" on the port tack, with the main yard aback
lay about 3/4 of an hour but saw no more of it.
Stood along on the wind till night, took in all
sail but the a double reefed main topsail. stood on
the same tack all night.

Ship Rainbow of NEW BEDFORD.

Monday November 18th 1861.

Moderate wind and pleasant weather
Under jeusy sail. double reefed fore and reefed mizen topsails
main t'gallt and main sails. At half past seven
kept off to SSE. Finishing the mizzen stay. We
have cruised from 24S to 28. from 167 to 162W and
we have only seen whales 3 times. We have seen a carcass
of a whale that the Zone got. and the head
of another whale supposed that it was the
remains of the whale we struck in company
with the Sea Gull and Mt Wollaston.
The ships have nearly all left the ground and
gone west to the middle ground. We have had
but very little bad weather since the whole season
but it seems that the whales are more in favor
than good and so have staid away. The Sea Gull and
the Mt Wollaston Have taken 3 whales together
the Zone has taken two which together with the one
taken by us comprise the major part of the oil
taken on the ground this season.
There is a heavy dew every night the days are quite
warm and yet they are damp.

Cruising in pursuit of whales 1861 James Nichols Master

Friday November 22d 1861

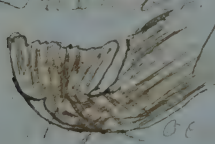
HUMP-BACKS

Fore the last two or three days we have had dark lowering weather have been steering S.S.W. to day stood in the land, made Sunday Isle yesterday while going round the West point we raised a spout, thought that they were sperm whales, Lowered the Harbord and Waist boats and at the same time raised the Sea Gull she also saw whales in a few minutes they came up and what should they prove but HUMP-BACKS!! but the boats kept on till the hump backs turned to windward

Two boats went ashore and a 4 P.M. came off bringing a recruit of ducks turkeys and potatoes, the Sophia Thornton has been here and has taken two hundred and fifty barrels of oil since last heard from. the Lone has had five days of rain squalls off here and has not been able to send a boat ashore till to day. Kept off S.S.W. for Norfolk Island. Lay to at night. on the port tack,

Ship Ann Bow of New-Bedford Cruising in
Saturday Nov. 23rd 1861 Bound to NORFOLK.
Squally all night at 6½ kept off
S.S.W. In the afternoon gamming with the Sea
Gull, Just before night hoisted a sail to leeward
proved to be the Atkins Adams, Capt Wilson, has
his wife with him, she did not come aboard on acct
of the weather, it being quite rough at the time,
the A. A. is just from "the Coast" brought us a
little news, "that they had had a severe battle in
Virginia," ~~~ Laffed too again at night.

Sunday Nov. 24th
Still continue squally. gamming with
the Sea Gull and the Atkins Adams,
Monday 25th Squally foggy and rough, No ships in sight
Tuesday 26th Squally foggy and rough, No ships in sight.
Wednesday 27th Squally foggy and still rough. Two ships in sight
Thursday 28th do do do do do No ships do do.



Saturday
Made the Island of Norfolk [illegible]
o'clock at half past 4 [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] to windward [illegible]

Pursuit of Sperm whales James Nichols Master.

Sunday 5th.

Found this morning the Sophia Thornton, Spouter, Sea Gull & Mt Wollaston off Norfolk a
The wind was very light so we were unable
to work up to the land until 12 o'clock,
at which time the boat boats and Manila were
alone. Promising to send off our letters the
earliest possible moment. at sunset the boat was
lowered from the mast head as just starting.
Our then what a fever of excitement all were
awake. at about 8 o'clock the boat. We took
her ~~off~~ and and then it was [illegible]
I knew nothing until I had read two, bearing the
name (in familiar hand writing) of Saba J. Spooner
(my first letters and when I shall receive more
I know not.

Saturday 14th Off and on at Norfolk.
Sent the Ship out to lay to & remain till next
Sunday. Sophia and Mount Wollaston came in
today they have also been and we had one visit
with them two or three days. our boat met
with success, saw plenty fish but only caught
one. Spoke the Sea Gull with nine Sperm & 300 bbls

# Ship Rain Bow of New Bedford

Sunday 18th

P.M. 5½ this morn Joshua raised whales we lowered at
7. Jeremiah's boat struck. We took the whale got
along side at 2 P.M. Got cut in at 6 P.M.
Started to try finished boiling. made the enormous quantity
of EIGHTEEN BARRELS
Tuesday 19th Capt came aboard and at night we squared yards
Saturday 21st

Raised whales and chased but with no success
Saturday 28th Manuel Raised whales at 6 A.M. & lowered immediately
and chased till dark Capt with no success.

Thursday February 20th 1862

At half past six this morn Jerney
Raised Sperm whales it being a dead calm we got breakfast
and immediately lowered away about 8 miles in the
afternoon we had the good fortune to strike a large
whale, turned up fifteen miles off still a dead
calm. at two o'clock the next morning we got
the whale along side after towing about ten hours,
this whale is the first one we have had the good
luck to take in some time, 116 bbls sick list 22nd
March 1st lowered again but with no success.

in Pursuit of Whales Barque Nichols. Master 1861

Thursday March 6th 1862.

After a long and hard days work of beating up we anchored in Russell at the Bay of Islands. but finding no mail had arrived, the Capt.s of the Rainbow, Sea Gull Mt Wollaston & Elizabeth Swift figure determined on Monday next to go to Auckland.

Thursday March 13th 1862

Once more in Auckland. the Rainbow got in first the Mt. Wollaston next the Swift. and the Sea Gull came in in the night.

Auckland has grown much during the last year brick buildings are going up every where.

the 15th the Two Brothers came in to day.

Monday 17th

Received News to-day of the death of the Prince Consort. Albert of Saxe Goethe

18th

At Eight A.M. H.M.S. Fawn fired forty two guns. at 12 M. the same number were fired by the artillery of Auckland.

Ship Rainbow of New Bedford on a sperm
Thursday April 3rd 62

At half past six this afternoon
we took our anchor and dropped outside the heads, to see
where we let go once more. the "Two Brothers" has gone
Friday 4th

This morning at daylight took our anchor
once more and made sail at the S.W. anchored at
Hanau Island. in Hanau Bay.
Monday 7th

Strong gale from the North. at 5 P.M.
let go the other Anchor ("Starboard") But the ship
dragged for all that. about half a mile. The "Sea-Gull
"N.W. Wellaston" and "Elizabeth Swift." do not appear to
have dragged much if any.
Friday 11th

Called all hands at half past four, "to up
anchor." Got under weigh at half past six.
At sunset only two ships in sight and no land.
Strong wind from the westward courses N.E. by E
Saturday 12th

Twenty nine months from home to-day.
Moderate breezes and equally weather
[illegible] Northeast

Whale Voyage James Nichols Master 1862

Thursday April 17th Off French Rock

Made French Rock at 11½ this morning. Rained a sail at 1 P.M. Have had strong breeze and Squally weather for two or three days. To day Most Moderate and pleasant weather.

Saturday 19th

Spoke Rised Sperm whale at 1 P.M. Lowered immediately got up to boats at 6½. Struck not knowing and got no hump. See ship & barks in sight.

Sunday 20th

Strong gale lying too under storm sail.

Monday 21st

Moderate gale, double reefed fore & main sails and fore stay sail. Pleasant weather. Two ships in sight, one Ship.

Left the ship April 23rd to go on board Barque Pallas. By the Privilege of

[illegible] 43 days during the [illegible]

Hand Ship Rainbow of New Bedford on a cruice off.

1st Officer of Ship Rainbow A. A. Gifford
2nd " " " " F. W. Tiffany
3rd " " " " F. F. Fuller
Boatsteerers " " " " I. R. Jenney & Manuel Joseph
" " " " I. Rodrigue & Nicholas Flute
Cooper I. H. Peckham — Cook G. Sommerville
Steward H — fill. + I E Reddiemaker
C. F. Briggs Steerage Cow
As they were in April 1862.

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Catching a Whale in the south Pacific

It was the 20th of Feb 1862. A very warm day and a dead calm, at quarter of six in the morning came from the mast head the oft wished for cry of "There she blows." "Where away" is the short and quick question from the deck, "four points on the Larboard bow sir" "How far off?" "2 miles sir blows! — blows — blows — blows." "Can you tell which way he is going?" "Right away from us sir blow — s — blow — s — blows" by this time Capt. Nichols was at the mast head after taking one short but keen sweep with his glass. She sings out.

Johnnie!" I immediately jump on deck and answer "Sir?" "Get down your breakfast as soon as you can" "Aye Aye Sir" and in 15 minutes the officers are eating. Meantime the lines have been put in all four boats and as soon as breakfast is over it is "Mr Gifford" "Sir?" "Let me know when you are ready," "Aye Aye Sir" in about five minutes it is "all Ready sir!"

"Very well. Lower away all four boats and pull up 4 points on the larboard bow, for about 2 miles, then paddle, making as little noise as possible, and watch the ship sharp for signals"

"Aye Aye Sir" and then it is "Lower away — lower roundly — let go fore and aft." the boats all go down full as directed and in a minute can hardly be seen from the mast-head, from 10 am till ½ past 5 in the afternoon are out of sight. then the capt gave up all Idea of a whale, at ½5 a boat was seen along ways off. Just after dark it came along side, there we were almost breathless with anxiety "What-luck?" cries the Capt. "We have got a large whale sir" "Three cheers" says the captain and we did not stop until we had given three times three. the whale was 15 miles off and it was still a dead calm. so it was 2½ o'clock the next morning before we got him along side

On board of Ship Mount Wollaston. on her
April 26th

Spent this day packing up. And preparing
to bid good bye to the "Rainbow"

Sunday April 27th

All day to-day bidding good bye taking
messages for home. Came aboard the Mt. W. at 10½ A.M
took a mutual discharge from the Rainbow to go home
in the Mt. Wollastons, on account of sickness. This my
being my first ship. and officers and crew having all
been very kind to me. and especialy during my sickness. it was
hard parting. but all felt it was for the best.
Capt and Mrs. Nichols have been very kind to me the whole
voyage. Charlie and Carrie seemed like one of my own
brothers and sisters. I shall always hold the first in
high esteem. and great gratitude shall ever be theirs. with
all due respect. Mrs. Nichols has always seemed as
a mother to me. and as such always expressed the
greatest anxiety for me. and advised my going home
by all means. Capt Nichols has always done every
thing in his power for me and seemed greatly
concerned for me while I have been sick. and has
spared neither time nor pains for me.

Mount Wollaston
4/24/1862 –
9/17/1862

Capt John Coffin

cast comic — and home, Capt. John Coffin
Charlie and Carrie I shall always remember with pleasing recollections
for many pleasant things have happened with which they
have been connected.. Mr. Gifford has done
a great many things during the voyage which I
shall always recollect with pleasure.
Mr Tiffany — and Fuller have treated me
with kindness and Mr Tiffany seemed sorry to
have me leave the ship, sick.
The boatsteerers Jenney — Manuel — Pack — Nicholas — I shall
not forget. Jenney was my partenter chum. always
always hitched boxes first take.. gave me letters to take
home, and many messages.. The cooper next to the Capt has always been as at others
me, Indeed up to the time of leaving the ship I always called him "Grandfather"
May 4th 1862 Sunday.
Rested last night on the the Sea of Japan
To day steering North. Light winds and pleasant
weather ship company been employed last two days
bending New sails, and seeing them running rigging. and
getting every thing ready to start the ship, very
much officers and crew very pleasant.. the ship
starts for home in a day or two.

On Board of Ship Mount Wollaston of New Bedford

Thursday May 29th 1862. Lat 40 11.5 Lon 148 01. 7.

Light Beam Winds and pleasant weather

All sail out. Steering East by South,

Friday May 30th Lat 42 Lon 140

Commenced with light winds and rainy weather took in the light sails and reefed topsls in the middle and morning watches. since breakfast double reefed the main topsail. Are now under double reefed topsails on courses and fit and stay'd full and by about E by S. is the course The wind seems to be rising still. Latter part took in everything but close reefs

31 Saturday

Commenced with Strong breezes and Rainy weather Under Close reefed main topsl and fore topsl first stayl & fore course. In the morning watch spread on all sail Course E by S with wind on the Starboard beam light but steady Middle part Clear and pleasantt all sail out E by S.

June 1 Sunday June 1

Lat 42 Lon 131 21

Commenced with light winds from the West round, and end

Homeward Bound: John Coffin Master 1862.

Sunday
Commenced with fresh breezes and squally weather, under double reefed main-topsail, Middle part more moderate, Middle and more under whole topsails & top gallants Heading E by N Lat 44.26 N. Lon 132 W

Monday
Commenced with light steady winds from the West Rigged out the fore topmast & Main Yard Middle and latter Heading E by S Lat 44.2 N Lon 13[illegible] W

Tuesday
Commenced with strong breezes & squally weather, under double reefed Main Top sail & the Lower Studding Sails Set Middle part Heading E by S Lat 44.2 N Lon 13[illegible] W

Wednesday 24th
Commenced with strong breezes and rough weather, under double reefed main-topsail, Middle part more moderate, Middle and more under whole topsails & top gallants Heading E by N Lat 44.26 N. Lon 132 W

Ship Mount Wollaston of New Bedford

Friday June 15th

commenced with light winds and fog

Homeward Bound S. Coffin Master 1852

19th Continued.

— A fine P.M. Take in the forenoon. There is a
very heavy swell on & it blows quite strong.
Set one reef in all sail & stand off & on
under easy sail. Middle, the commencing with the
wind & fresh breezes & fine weather.

Friday 20th

Commenced with strong winds & fine

Saturday 21st

Sunday June 22nd

Commenced with moderate & fine

Ship Int Relation of New Zealand & Commencement of Hostilities.

Saturday June 28th 1862.

Commenced with heavy wind and fine weather. At 8 A.M. moved Harriet dead aft. Hall painted the Inhabitant Shipwreck. At 12 M came a slipper heading North, did not speak her as she was a long way off when we first raised her. At 1 P.M. the first sight we have had of the Auckland coast Mayor Island bearing N.W. by N. We merely floated at the rate of a knot. For more but a sailor making a voyage on to tell the meaning which exciting by those to sing and observe the meaning of "Sail Ho" But if any of my readers happen to read this page - and I be fully dead and not per any right of mine to read it - are in that little world called a ship, will understand fully the meaning of these simple words "Sail Ho"

Lat 37.46 Lon 175.12

Sunday 29th

Commenced with clear breezes and dark heavy weather Square yards. Lower Royals & Royal Studding Sails and Royal Studding Sail Reefed. Lat 37.20 Lon 174.10 W.

June 30th 1822

Commenced with fair winds and dark foggy weather. We laid to all night last night. Kept off again this morning at 4 very dark and foggy. Under double reefed fore and main topsails and reefed foresail. No observation to day. Eby Dead Reckoning Lat 42° South, Long 11° 00' West.

Cold wet and dirty it is very disagreeable to any body but to the poor sailor it is especially so he goes on deck to stand a four hours watch and comes below cold wet and the only comfort is a smoke, then he turns in by the time that he has got nicely warm and comfortable it is "All hands ahoy Eight bells turn out" and so on to the end of the ——— voyage. Such being only part of the life of the poor sailor.

Tuesday July 1st 1822

Commenced with fair winds and dark foggy weather. Under double reefed fore topsail whole foresail single reefed main sail and main t'gallant sail over the Course East. got sun enough to day to take an altitude — but not enough to get the Latitude. Therefore the Lat by Inspection is 42° 25' while by an altitude the Longitude 75° 22' W.

Wednesday July 2nd 1862

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. until 7 A.M. heading East. At 9 took in the foresail and reefed the fore and main topsails, and luffed to E.N.E. At 12 M took in the fore topsail and reefed and set foresail at 2 P.M. got an altitude. At 5 Wore ship and took in the foresail, fearing we were ~~in~~ nearer the land than we thought for. Lat and Lon uncertain but not far from

Lat 57° 30' S Lon 71° 43' W.

Cold weather taking water continually. frequent hail squalls. Old Cape Horn in Reality, at last

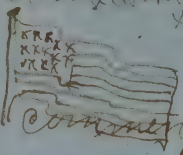
Thursday July 3rd

Commenced with moderate breezes from the WNW and cloudy weather. Under double reefed fore and main topsails and foresail & Mainsail. Saw a ship this morning. At the time she was raised I was in my berth, for I had wrapped my pillow at the time I immediately send to the third Officer "Mr Liebolt that ship is on our front lee bow on the Starboard tack." by I discovered at our last night Andrew ~~morning~~ ship was on our lee bow and on the starboard tack By inspection Lat 57° 32' S

By Observation Lat [illegible]

"Left Mount Wollaston & New Bedford & arrived home & left again for Boston Oct 1862"

Friday July 4th 1862



"Hung out stripes & stars"
"Up the Wabash"

The fourth of July commenced with cold piercing winds and cold lowery weather this day we enforce the ~~we are~~ off Cape Hatteras

See make for the first time today, Under Close Reefed fore and mizzen topsails double reefed Main topsail Reefed Mainsail and Reefed foresail. And square yards Course NE ½ East in sight half a point on the port bow running off coast The same as we seen What are they doing down here today, I wonder, Do they think that "Johnnie Fitcher" is coming down, But of course they do not, for him should they know as they have not had any chance to hear from me

Lat 35 Lon W

Saturday July 5th

Commenced with light head winds and dark cold weather and rain squalls, First part under close reefed topsails latter part under double reefed fore and mizzen topsails. Set fore and main sails. Wore ship twice today. Wind being ahead. Close hauled. all the latter part NE No Observation today Poor first day in the Atlantic and the 5th of the voyage

Mount Wollaston homeward bound. J. A. Coffin Master 1862

Sunday July 6th

Commenced with a beam wind and light cloudy weather all sail Set. Wind headed ahead at 10 A.M. And from then till 12 P.M continued variable from the W.N.W to the N.N.E. at 7 headed on the quarter and sprang in the yards, but habe headed within 1 point of the course all day. Course North East by N.

Lat 57.37 S Lon 62.41 W

Monday 7th "

Commenced with light winds from the N by W and light cloudy weather. Just abt to ned our course 1 pt Lat. N.E. All sail set. Latter part at 7 P.M the wind headed aft and sprang the yards and altered the Course to N.E by N.

Lat 55.48 S Lon 57.22 W

Weather is just cool enough to be comfortable. But who ever heard tell of ice making on the 7th of July I have seen it do but a few days ago

Hope you see that I am again on the same side of the continent as Massachusetts and with a fair wind and plenty of room and sea set above my head, more [illegible] can tell [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday July 8th

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather from the SSW heading the NE by N. square yards and all sail and steered out. Latter part wind died away almost to a calm, and then hauled on the port quarter (NW.) took in the steering and braced up sharp. just able to head the course NE by N.

to night took, showers, cloudy but fair weather wind is very light and the sea looks more like the Banques Ground than what we had been led to expect. that we should find off cape Horn. 3 days have grown longer a good deal and there is some thing of twilight after four o'clock.

Lat 54.50 S. Lon 57. 2 W

Wednesday 9th

Commenced with pleasant breezes from the NNW. close hauled with the starboard tacks aboard. During the first part unable to head our course but latter part Course NE by N. first part all sail out but at tea time the breeze freshened and the fore-mizzen and main t'gallantsails were taken in in succession. And at 8 the fore topsail double reefed.

Lat 54.58 Lon 53.53 W

Brigt Wollaston Homeward bound C. H. Coffin Master
Thursday July 10th 1862

Commenced with strong breezes from the North by West; Under double reefed Topsails and courses with the Larboard tacks aboard. at 6½ P.M. furled the main sail. sea runs quite high. heading a due course NE by N. No Observation today
Bal'd by Inspection Lat 43°20' S. Lon 33°12 W.

Friday July 11th

Commenced with strong winds and dark lowery weather from the N. Wore ship twice during the night. and again once today. Under double reefed Main and mizen Topsail and close reefed Fore Topsail. reefed courses fore and main upper Topsail sheets set heading NE. latter part PM The days are gradually increasing in length. The weather is more mild, than it was. last I never expected to see ice made in July No Observation today. — — I feel that I can never repay Capt Coffin for all that he has done for me. he lends me nice books to read and tries to encourage me all he can.
I feel. — if I was constantly growing weaker and weaker

Mount Wollaston Homeward bound J. Coffin. Master 62

Saturday July 12th 1862

Commenced with light winds and calms.

At 7½ AM. a breeze springing up from the West. We opened in the yards and made all sail, it kept building until we took the starboard tacks aboard. All sail out — Set topsail etc "meant" Course due North. The ship is going through the water finely almost square before it with every thing set, making the fragrant sparkle and fly from both bows. And now the thought will come to our minds "Every plunge brings us nearer home" Home — What magic is in that short and simple word. Home — How many have no home to go to — Thank God I have, and such a home as few boys know how to appreciate until they have tried to get along by themselves — go to sea — plunge a boy gets motion into his head (what a foolish one too) that he must go to sea — then and not till then does he appreciate the and learn the the meaning of the word home. And what a pleasure is it then that this voyage (three) 3 years that we have before us to the meeting with the kindred we love —

But I have anticipating too much

Set all 12 St

On board Ship Pet. Wollaston Homeward bound St. N. 6 of the master &c.

Sunday July 13th 1862

Commenced with light winds and rainy weather. Under Single Reefed topsls, treasd &c. &c. &c. Fore and Main Courses. Heading from W.S.W. (N.W.) as the wind hauls. Imperial last 24 hours ran as that is the course. Shortened sail in the middle Watch at night and braced the yards and &c. &c. &c. Sounded Tides aboard. The days are considerable longer now than they were. The weather is quite cool especially nights. Got an observation today and found the Ship's Place here in

Latitude 6° 48 S Longitude 1° 14 West

Monday 14th

Commenced with light moderate breezes from the South and all sail. at 8 AM Raised a ship close to, on the Starboard beam, heading the same as we were, stood on his tack to meet us. Hoisted our Colours, at 10 he was some miles astern, and the wind freshening we were obliged to shorten sail, at 1 PM, he was close to us, he had to take in sail and royals and stunsails, when about 5 PM his weather fore topsail and to [illegible]

On board Ship Mt. Wollaston Homeward bound J. A. Coffin Master 1862
and are manned when he proved to be an Englishman,
then he ran off two strings of signals which we
were unable to understand. This ship was a large
"Five topsail yard" fellow and the only one we have
spoken since we left Sunday Island May 16th.
It blows quite a gale now. Under Close reefed
Maintopsail and foresail, and scudding before it.
like fun, if this breeze holds we shall be in warm
weather in six or seven days, although we had snow
today. Rolling home.

Lat 47,30 South Lon 57,25 West

Tuesday July 15th

Commenced with strong breezes from
the Southward under close reefed main topsail
and reefed foresail. At 4 P.M. take wind
having died away in an instance, set the
close reefed fore topsail. Very heavy swell
the ship labouring considerable water, had a good
deal of hail this morning, but now it is
quite warm indeed more so than we have
had it yet, made a good run the last
twenty four hours. N.N.E. Course

Lat 46,23 Lon 57,25 West

On board Ship Mt Wollaston Lowering and boiling to S.W. by S. Water
Wednesday July 16th

Commenced with moderate Breezes home the Southend. Under double Reefd Fore Topsail Wide Main Topsail and main Topgallt. sl. and Foresail Square yards.. light Rainy weather.
Course "Mthe Mthe East"

Lattitud 44, 19 South
Longitude 48 5 West

Thursday July 17th

Commenced with light pleasant breezes from the W.S.W. all sail out today. and fore topmast and main Topgallt Stunsls. Getting royal yards ready to send aloft. Today is the first fine weather we have had for some time, and it was fine indeed it seemed like home weather the most of any we have had for some time. how I wish to look in on them at ~~this~~ night but what cant be cant be and it must end. And if the ship lies not sail any faster than she was during the last twenty four hours it will still be many days before I see them.

Today we were in the following

Lat. 42,34 S
Lon. [illegible] W.

Schr. Wm. Wallaston Homeward Bound J. S. Griffin Master
Friday July 18th 1862

Commenced with moderate breezes and clear dirt weather. Today had stunsls rigged, and set both sides. All sail out F. Topmast and Main Gallt'l Stunsls set both sides. First and middle part read square yards, at 4 P.M. the Starboard Royal Stunsl and took in the Lee Fore Topmast Stunsl. at 7½ took in the Lee Main Gallt'l Stunsail. Course all day to the NE by North

Lat 41.02 N. Lon 55.42 West

Saturday 19th

Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.W. Square yards. all sail and stunsls both sides and to day at noon took in the Lee stunsls. since 6 A.M. the wind has been dying away and now it is quite calm. fine weather and coming from the region of storms we remain in expectation of it.

Latitude 39.47 South
Longitude [illegible] West

Ship Mt. Wollaston Homeward Bound J. A. Coffin Master 5

Sunday July 20th 1862

Commenced with light head winds from the N-N-W. all sail out - beating to Windward all day. A sail in sight to day from the mast head. Supposed to be the same one that was in sight the 14th inst. pleasant weather though quite cool. Got a Turtle to day. Large flocks of small birds in sight of the species familiarly known as sailors as the "Right Whale Bird."

Latitude 39.17 South
Longitude 47.17 West.

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Monday 21st

Commenced with light head winds from the NE. on the starboard tack, all sail out. At 7 P.M. Squared yards. headed our course all the afternoon. Course NE. first part full and by. Cloudy all day. and unable to get an Observation.

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Tuesday 22nd

Commenced with fine weather and light winds from the SW. All sail and weather Studdsails out. Steering and from Noon P.M. on the same course NE. Lat. 37-36 South. Lon 42-17 West.

On board of Ship Mt. Wollaston Homeward Bound 1862
Wednesday 23rd of July

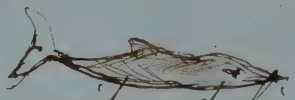
Commenced with strong breezes from the S.W. Made sail with 1 gl't sl at three A.M. and forecast. Took in the main t'gallnt sl at 11 A.M. and double reefed the fore and main topsls and took in the Mizen topsl. at 4 P.M. Commenced one reef out of Main topsl. and double reefed the fore topsl over again at 6 P.M. hoisted the main t'gallant sail and set it. She has taken considerable water today - the first part especially. Today we are about of the "Rio del Platte" A great many birds in sight of all kinds except the gony (or albatross) Latitude 35=30 South
Longitude 40=05 West.

Thursday July 24th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.W. and splendid weather. Sent up the mizen royal today. The ship spreads quite a small patch of canvass now - Fore T'gansl = and main t'gallt s'ls both sides and on main royall at the tops. At night took in the lee fore t'gansl. and set the mainsail Mild clear pleasant weather. — Course South East.
Lat 33-18 South
Lon 37-28 West

On board Ship Mt. Wollaston Homeward Bound. G. A. Coffin. Master

Friday July 25th



Commenced with beam winds and fine weather. Took in the stunsls in the morning watch, and braced up. Wore ship & stood on the Starboard tacks aboard, all sail and royal out. First part-headed to the NE. Latter part-to the NNE. Making grand preparations for a jolly little bit of hand work. A great many porpoises about-today-tried several times but with no success at the third trial Gun Devoll struck one which we finally saved.

Latitude 32.17 South
Longitude West.

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Saturday 26th

Commenced with light-breezes from the E.N.E. and fine weather. Starboard tacks aboard all sail out close hauled. Heading about North. Saw a sail this afternoon. called her a bark running off South. A great many birds in sight mostly "Cape Pigeons" and one white Gony-which is something uncommon.

Lat 30.34 South
Lon 36.21 West.

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Mount Wollaston Rolling home D. A. Coffin Skipper.
Sunday July 2nd 1876

Commenced with light winds from the Westond.
all sail and main royal set heading NE. Wore ship
at 11 PM yesterday. now have the larboard tacks aboard
Lat- 60-07 South "
Lon 36-08 West "

Three years ago to night I saw the sun go down,
and the lamp of life flicker and go out: and the pure
angelic spirit of Lucie Spooner aged 33 years 7 mo 12 days.
took its flight heavenward. fled from this world of care
and woe. I stood to night and watched the same cloud
red sun go down. then I thought of her and whether in
these more years if some who watch that same sun
go down will not think of them who have gone "Home to
die no more"
But sufficient unto the day is the evil
thereof — "Lord giveth and the same Lord taketh away

Mount Wollaston Rolling Home D. A. Coffin Master
Monday July 26th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S by E. All sail and main royal ent. Letter [illegible] took in the royal and fore t'gallant sail. She is rolling along. Starboard round fog. nothing but a finback in sight and a great number of small birds most of the small birds are Cape Pigeons. Put the fluke chains and the rubber bucks and riggin down in the Run today to bring the ship down by the stern. Course SE

Lat 28.05 South
Lon 31.36 West.

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Tuesday 27th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S by E. all sail and main royal. weather main t'gallant and fore topmast studs ent. two ships in sight today, finbacks porpoises and a great many birds flying through the water first rate. two more days and we hope to be up to Trinidad and Martin Vaz. passed a vessel this morning did not ship to examine it. Six weeks from now and we hope to be at home very close to it.

Lat 25.59 South
Lon 33.04 West.

Mint Wollaston Homeward bound J. N. Coffin Master 1862

Wednesday July 30th

Commenced with light varying winds from the East by South to the SSE. all sail and royal fore lift maid and main t gallant stingil. set the first part At 11 AM boarded the Spanish Bark Jum Diamond last, about all the news we were able to glean was that "New Orleans was taken" Latter part took in royal and stunsls. and fore t gallant sail. Set the fore t gallant sail again at 7 P.M.

Course NE
Lat 23-24 South
Lon 31-44 West

Thursday July 31st 1862

Commenced with moderate breezes from the SE. all sail and heeling NE. All hand Rattling and tarring down At 11 Am Raised the Island of Trinidad which lays in Lat 20°31 South Lon 29°16 West at 3 PM it bore East distant twenty miles. At 6 PM set the fore t gallant sail, at 8 hoisted and set the Main Royal and Main t gallant sail and hauled up the Course due North 4 days to the Line 27 days to Trin. Lat 20.28 South 4 + 27 = 76 days Lon 29.36 West

Ship Rd. Wallaston Commenced Command John A. Coffin Master

Friday August 1st 1862

Commenced with light winds from the SSE varying to the SE by E. and splendid weather. All sail set. main Royal and fore topmast staysail set at 7 PM. All hands rattling and turning decks finished the fore and main lower rigging tonight. Every body busy, weather grows warmer and the days longer. Every day brings us nearer home.

All day Steering South by East.

Lat 18.34 South.
Lon 29.50 West.

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Saturday August 2nd 1862

Commenced with light winds varying from the SE to SE by E & E. And splendid weather All sail set and main royal fore topmast and main gallant staysail set. All hand employed setting up fore and aft stays topmast and topgallant backstays. overhauling and fitting chafing gear. found the rigging all clear for coaling. lucky that they did not take coal at the same time. We are having fine evenings now, coal hole wondering what they are all doing at home now but I shall know in good time. I expect Cornwall by

Lat 17 or S. Lon 29-59 West.

Ship M. I. Wollaston Homeward Bound 1862.

Sunday August 3rd

Commenced with light varying winds and splendid weather with occasional fine squalls from the E by NE to the S SW. first part all sail & main royal and fore t'gallt mast and main t'gallt stunsls out at 8 AM Sick in the stunsls and braced up sharp with the starboard tacks aboard. At 12½ PM squared yards and hauled up the mainsail, at 5½ PM. braced up sick aboard the starboard tacks again. At 6¾ Set the fore t'gallt mast stunsl. Now (7½) weather is clear and starlight with quite a good breeze from the SE by E. Course S by E.

Lat 15-14 S Lon 30 21 West

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Monday 4th

Commenced with moderate trade winds from the SE. All sail out at 7 AM set the main t'gallt stunsls and fore t'gallt stunsls at 9 PM set fore t'gallt sail. All hand employed setting up and rattling down the fore & main t'gallt rigging & tarring down fore and after stays and backstays. Warm pleasant weather have got the SE trades. moderate breeze and clear starlight evening Course S by E. Rolling Home in

Lat 15.40.

Lon 30 21

Mt Wollaston Homeward Bound J. A. Coffin Master

Tuesday August 5th

Commenced with moderate trades from the SE. All sail set that the mount Wollaston can shew home viz. Main royal & fore and main t gallant stunsls & fore & topmast stunsail. All hands employed in refitting chafing gears finishing setting down the fore and main & topmast shrouds. Having foot ropes and lifts. Ete the Sam Inn sail today. one we exchanged signals with was a Hamburg brig. the other was a long ways off. Fine weather warm clear and pleasant. Saw at 9 Am a school of Blackfish. Lat = 11,21 South Lon = 30,36 West

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Wednesday August 6th

Commenced with moderate trades from the SE All sail out and royal and fore topmast fore and main t gallt stunsls out. All hand employed [illegible] rigging. Rigging the fore royal yard. Learned to take the distance of a star from the Moon or in other words a Lunar Mr Thompson is very kind to me shows me a great deal about Navigation many little things which a beginner would never think of.

Lat 8. 34.

Lon 30, 47. West

Merchant Wollaston Homeward Bound 1862

Friday August 7th

Commenced with moderate trades and fine weather all the kites out. took in all three stunsls at 6 AM. and braced up sharp at 12 M set the fore topmast & main t gallt stunsls. at two a Brig in sight. hull down homd. the same way that we are. Strong winds all day if it [illegible] held in two days more we shall cross the line, and then for home. but we may have head winds & calms, and so it is best not to anticipate for more than if we do we may chicken up. Course N.

Lon 31.00 West — Lat 26. 33 South

Friday August 8th

Commenced with strong trade winds and pleasant weather with a light haze. All the kites out mainly royal and three stunsls. All hands employed in breaking out fore and main hold chocking each and so forth. Turned the last sennet today and kept of 6 by 6 — and two joints running making a W by N course. saw two brigs to day and one Gaskell Merchantman, the first American ship we have seen since leaving the Isle of Sandy Island.

Course by W. Lat 02 38 South

Lon 31.27 West

Mount Wollaston Homeward Bound J. A. Coffin Master 66
August 8th 1862 "The one one the line to-day"

Commenced with light trade winds from the E. all sail and royal and three skysails out. All hands employed in breaking out fore hold and stowing chucks, Let-
ters from absent ones the days before we shall be at
Home, what music there is in the sound of that word.
What are they doing at home to night? I expect that
Napoleon 4th Mayt has got home long before this and that
he has written answers to me, but it does not matter
nothing happens I shall be there too this day
week. Lat 00.17 S. Lon 82.56 W.

Sunday Aug 10th

Commenced with light SE trades. All sail
and three skysails out. fine weather our first day
in the north Atlantic, and the Eighty-Sixth of
voyage. Saw the first Portuguese man o war to day
that I have seen for some time. Only six or
seven I think. Lat 01.46 N
Lon 34.07 W.

Ship Wollaston Commanded Bound, J. A. Coffin Master
Monday August 11th 1862.

Commenced with light SE trades.
All hand employed in scraping and painting Iron work.
Shine lights Set. Rigged and sent up the fore royal
today, the iron comes fore and main royals. Fore and main
is gallant and fore topmast studs. with a pretty good
breeze and agreeable rate.

Course North by West
Lat 06 14 North
Lon 35 16 West.

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Tuesday August 12th

Commenced with light SE trades and pleasant weather
All hands employed in Painting iron work, and setting down
the mizzen topmast rigging. All sent out and fore and
main royal fore and main gallant studs and fore Cataw
studs. very warm today. Painting fore and main masts
from the truck to the deck. Reeving of Battens and it
looks quite like going home. Ship W.

Lat 06. 15 North
Lon 35 50 West

Thirty three months from home today.

Heave round boxes from New Zealand by Capt Wallace 16
Wednesday 13th of August.

Commenced with varying winds from the North Shore round to West- commenced at 12 PM yesterday and Rainy weather Took in the Studds and fore and main royals, and Tungsail- took in all these Gallants. Had a jolly time to day with blow and the watch on deck washing Ship, scrubbed from Taffrail to Jose Jeak, inside. towards night it commenced to rain again and up to eight PM it continues and is likely to all night. Heading all courses but mostly West or thereabouts.

Lat 07.06 Lon 35.57 West

Thursday 14th

Commenced with light winds and calms, about 1 AM got a light breeze from the N by W. Under easy sail Gallants &c and courses, about 2 PM the wind enabled us to head our course NW by N. Got out the main Tops'l to day. Watch employed in washing ship outside, The weather here is pleasant all day with rain squalls during the night and early in the morning.

Passed the Northern Line. Lat 7.10 North
Lon 36.06 West.

Ship Ant. Wallaston Homeward Bound. J. A. Coffin Master.

Friday August 15th 1862

Commenced with light winds from the South and pleasant weather. Watch engaged in rattling down the mizzen, & fitmast rigging. Finishing the other odds and ends in the Rigallitts and cruzes. Splendid weather.

Lat by light winds
and variable
Lat 08=10 South
Lon 36=52 West.

Lat. 08=10 South
Lon. 36=52 West

Saturday Aug 16th.

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather. Watch engaged in painting ship outside and getting out the anchors, on the bow anchors were hooked with main royals. All sail out = both royals, and all three ringsails. Reading different crews but mostly Co Whg West. Took a swim today.

Light 08=36 South
Lon 37=42 West.

Augt- Wallaston Homeward Bound from New Zealand 18
Sunday 17th

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather
under all sail minus the stunsls - took the log in
in middle watch last night; Saw Albatross - Pelican
and a turtle today, weather very warm.
Course N.W by West.

Lat 09 - 14 North
Lon 38 - 36 West.

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Monday 18th

Commenced with light winds and calms, all
sail and [illegible] main regulant; Watch engaged in
painting ship - Head - stern and white streak
the wind is very light and varying a
[illegible] bending sails - hauling taut the [illegible]
taking down and coiling off [illegible]
which were used in setting them - and [illegible]
sails [illegible] getting [illegible]
Course [illegible] by West - first part [illegible]
yards [illegible] just braced up [illegible]

Lat 10 - 20 North
Lon 39 - 02 West.

Brig Mr. Wallaston Homeward Bound. J. H. Coffin Master.

Tuesday 19th

Commenced with moderate trades from the N E. All sail and royals out. Watch engaged in painting ship outside finishing the port side. but was obliged to leave the Starboard side on account of the water beginning to flow as the breeze freshened.

At 7 PM the Capt raised a Comet bearing from us N by W ½ West. We hope that Lucky Dog will see us entering New Bedford Harbor if the trades hold. Course N W by N.

Lat 11-40 North
Lon 40-64 West

Wednesday 20th

Commenced with moderate trades from the East. all sail and both royals out. watch engaged in cleaning away & then preparing the head sails &c. At 12 M took in the fine royals the gale blowing equally. The Sun now bears South from us & moving down to the horizon the last daylight hours.

Course N W by N.

Lat 13 17 North
Lon 41-41 West.

Ships Log. Boston Homeward Bound. J. L. Coffin Master

Thursday August 21st

Commenced with strong NE trades. all sail set but the main royal in the morning made & employed in painting ship inside. Weather is warm but squally with fine rain, though not in large quantities. Took in the fore & jib last night at 10 PM and shaved up the trysail but the squall passed over & I set the mizen again. Strong trades

Course NW By North

Latitude 15 = 08 North

Longitude 43 = 18 West

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Friday August 22nd

Commenced with moderate trades from the NE. Under all three topsails courses jib and fly jib and spanker. Mate engaged in painting ship inside, and the fore topsail is the first watch last night. Today at 3h 41m by the watch the sun's altitude was

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Latitude 17 00 North

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Mr. Hollaston almost Home. J. A. Coffin master.
Saturday August 23rd 1862

Commenced with light-trade winds from E.S.E. all sail and fore and main royals out-Watch employed in painting ship inside, out-as much as it was a few days ago.

We expect or rather are in hopes to be "home" in the course of-or between two and three weeks-Men messes at the usual Course (N.) by W.

Lat 18-30 South
Lon 46-37 West-

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Sunday August 24th

Commenced with strong trades from the N.E. all sail and both royals out-took in the fore royal in the fore noon.

Hope to go to church Sept 14 at Nantucket-We are having fine weather although squally, now and then- Steering N.W. by West

Lat. 20.02 South
Lon. 4822 West.

Commenced Homeward Bound from Coffins 1862
Monday August 25th

Commenced with strong Nor East trades all sail set - but the fore royal.
Sent in the mizzen R gallant & and closed down the mizzen topsail at 8 A M in order to set the R mast gallant and royal backstays.
Also getting up the mizzen topmast riggin.
Gulf weed is very plenty today and will grow more so every day until we reach our destined port.

Course N W by North
Latitude 22-05 North
Longitude 50-27 West

Tuesday 26th

Commenced with light trades than yesterday varying to the Eastward. All sail out and fore and main royals fore topmast and main gallant stunsls
Watch employed clearing hawse each side.
Beautiful weather though it rained every night.
Crossed the Tropic of Cancer during the last twenty four hours. And are now once more in our native zone with a fair or quarterly breeze Steering N W by N.

Lat 24-08
Lon 32-14

Mount Wollaston Homeward Ganging J. A. Coffin.

Wednesday Aug. 27th

Commenced with light winds from the South East. Lately employed painting ship outside. Royals and fore topmast & Main Skysail Yard set and square yards. Capt Boardman Hermaphrodite Brig this afternoon and all papers only fifteen days. She is from Bristol and only fourteen days from there. Has War with France and all war but we shall soon know all. Course NW by North square yards

Lat 25-24 North Lon. 53-56 West

Thursday Aug 28th

Commenced with light winds and calms All sail and both studs on and royals Dolphins about the ship. During the last twenty four hours we have gone only a short distance. very warm and clear as the best part of the night Course when sail set all head NW by N. Lat 26-13 North Lon 53-56 West.

Ship. M.C. Wollaston Homeward Bound J. A. Coffin Master
Sunday August 29th

Two Swallows in Co.

Commenced with light winds and calm. All sail Royals fore to main & main t'gallant sheets set. Watch engaged in painting boats &c. Weather is tremendous hot. Thermometer is 129° in the sun & in the shade it is seldom as hot in Barbadoes as that. The heat part of the time it is quite cool. But there is something of a current which sets us a little towards Cape. The course is when we can get head enough to steer. N W by North. Lat 26-2 North Long 3-3 W.

Saturday August 30th

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather all sail out and set fore & main t'gallant sheets both sides. Painting chars and hatches. Yesterday we were much pleased at noticing two swallows flying around us and to day only one is to be seen. But he is so tame that he will feed out of your hand. He enters our cabin at night. Latitude 26-47 North

Ship Mt. Wollaston Homeward Bound 1862

Sunday August 31st 1862

Commenced with light Southerly winds and splendid weather. All sail royals and [illegible] both sides — warm splendid weather real home weather how many more sundays shall I be obliged to spend at sea? I hope not a great many for I feel that each week [illegible] quite a breeze the last twenty four hours, and square rigged at that, and steering N W by North.

Lat 2[illegible] North

Lon 33-4[illegible] West

Monday September 1st 1862

Commenced with light winds and very hot weather. All sail, royals. Gone to work again, against studding sail both sides, [illegible] The weather is very warm today, but if we could have a breeze it would not be so unpleasant, for it is almost stifling. We have three swallows about us, now they eat and drink out of hand. What are they doing at home today? Washing I [illegible] as is usual on mondays. How many more days I have to spend aboard this ship. [illegible]

Lat [illegible] 37-48

Ship. H. T. Wollaston. Homeward Bound 1862.

Tuesday September 2nd " 1862 **CVIII**

We are one hundred and eight days from Sunday Island today. How much longer the passage will be time will prove. This day commenced with light winds and pleasant weather. all sail out and royals and stunsls both sides. It seems as if we could not get along any at all. but then we should not complain for we have had very little ahead wind considering the distance

Course N W— Lat. 28-43 North
Lon. 57-52 West.

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Wednesday Sept. 3rd "

Commenced with light winds and rain squalls. All sail royals and stunsls both sides— set. Square yards. Home Home shall we reach it in safety— after sailing seventy thousand miles shall we meet an accident near almost in sight of it? But many ships have sailed further and have reached it in safety and why should not we?

Course N W.
Lat 29-34 North
Lon 58-56 West.
Course Same 58-38 West

Ship Alt Wollaston Homeward Pailing J. A. Coffin Master
Thursday Sept 4th

Commenced with light winds from the South. Under All sail royals and fore top mast and main t'gallt Stunsl both sides. Pumping decks. The weather is warm but occasionally cooled with showers. Have rather more wind than we had the twenty four hours previous to this, Every day makes the journey shorter but only a little but every little helps.

Course North West. Lat 30 24 North
Lon 59 55 West.

Friday September 5th

Commenced with pleasant winds, and moderate weather, strong breezes in comparison to what we have had for the last two or three weeks.

All sail royal and fore topmast and main t'gallt Stunsl set both sides At 10½ AM the wind hauled from SE to West by South, took in the lee stunsls and braced up A.B. & P.M. Squared yards and set stunsls again. Course N.W.

Lat 31 50 North
Lon 61 02 West.

Round Wallaston Homeward Bound, J. A Coffin Master
Saturday Sept. 6th

Commenced with light winds, and hot sultry weather. All sail Fore and main royals Fore topmast and main Gallant stuns'ls both sides. the wind is very light and the weather very hot; We passed Bermudas some time last night, and are now only about 7 degrees from home. Blow breezes blow. Go on Wallaston Go.

Lat 32 40 North
Lon 62 48 West

Sunday 7th

Commenced with light winds and variable weather. All sail and royals and stuns'ls set wind varied two or three times during the day but did not vary enough to knock us off our course.

Course N W by W.
Lat 33-20
Lon 63-44

mint- Volpastion Command Bound. J. H. Coffin Master
Monday Sept- 8th 1862

Commenced with light winds
and pleasant weather All sail Royals and
fore topmast studd sails set- Saw
1- Sail in sight, Supposed to be
Cruiser U.S.

Lat- 34 - 10 South
Lon 64 - 22 West-

Tuesday September 9th

Commenced with light winds and
calm, All sail Royals and Studd
sails set- Saw in the Lee studd sail the
mast of Lifed vessel supposed to be Brig Jane Lack at-
12 M. Sail in sight- boarded one by the
kindness of Capt- Coffin, found she was the
Harvey of Lunenberg, last from Porto Rico
bound to Halifax with a cargo of sugar, Got no
papers from her- as we have had calm, hopes to
see her- Saw the brig Aug 27, Dolphin very plenty
caught two today. Cruiser U.S.
I believe to day is Brother Elisha Lat- 32- 03 South
birthday, May he suffer less, the Lon 64 - 48 West-
next- 2 years than I have the last 2

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Wednesday Sept 10th

How many more times shall I have to write d-e-p-t. I hope not more than three are better in the word. This day commenced with light winds and fine weather all sail sets and fore top mast and main t'gallt studs both sides took in the studs at 7 A.M. at 4½ P.M. got a breeze braced up on the starboard tack, just able to head our course,

Course N by E

Latitude 34-52 North

Longitude 6 5-41 West

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Thursday Sept 11th

This day commenced with pleasant breezes, the sea and fine weather. Thunder and lightning last for the first time — or rather this night. At 2½ A.M. got the weather fore top mast and main t'gallt studs. Have not made much headway here last for two weeks. Agreed to make Newfoundland in 4 days.

Course N West

Latitude 35-25 North

Mr Wollaston Homeward Bound. J. A Coffin Master 185
Friday Sept 12th

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather, all sail set; took in the stunsls at dinner time, wind Southerly, and obliged us to brace up. Packing up, exchanged chests to day for a longer one than mine, We shall be in the Gulf Stream to night if nothing happens.

Course N W.
Lat 36 - 52 North
Lon 68 - 38 West.

Saturday Sept 13th

Commenced with strong winds and pleasant weather, all sail and royals, and weather fore staysail and main staysail stunsls set; took up the stunsls and hauled up close at 10 A M, Tacks in the royals at 5 P M, and fore and mizzen staysail set at 7 P M

THREW THE FIRY-WORKS OVER-Board

Wind Veered at 7 to East by South and at 5 P M Backed heading West N.

Lat 38. 22. N
Lon 69 30 W

Mr. Wollaston Commanded Bernd. G. Coffin Master 1862
Sunday Sept 14th

Commenced with light winds and
[illegible] weather. Set the fore and mizzen topsails
at 4 P.M. Under topsails & foresail & jib
and spanker. At 8 P.M. Set heading before the
wind. At 9 hours, after 8 by 8 P.M. We have been
one hundred and twenty days from Sunday Island, Indian
and have a head wind all that heading on one tack
West by North, on the other E by N & N.

Lat 38 25 North
Lon 70 39 West.

Monday 15th

Commenced with light winds from all
quarters during the twenty four hours, All sail and
royals out. Towards night set the mizzen from
the West. Course forenoon on one tack E by S
and West by West on the other tack. If we
could have a fair wind we should steer N by E,
and be on the [illegible] in the course of three
or four days. Twenty four hours.

Latitude 39 15 North
Longitude 71 35 West.

Wednesday 16th

Land Ho!! Ho!! Ho!!!

Commenced with light wind and dark rainy weather. Hauled at 7 AM heading E S E & E after we hauled North by West. As the day advanced the wind freshened and took in the royals. at 11 AM handed the main sail, and foresail. Clewed down the gallantsls and laid the fore topmast to the mast; and Scrubbed and battened at 5 Bells. At four and three quarters PM made Long Island. At 6 spoke the schooner John Stamp of Rhode Island. gave us the bearings of Montauk, it is twenty Miniets Down the Light Sail Land North East Land Land Land Land on Land West

Thursday 17th

Commenced with light wind and fine clear weather. employed in sending down chafing gear, At about 1/2 past PM John the pilot came aboard and then all was still to hear the news. He gave us the latest papers and then as we began to realize that the voyage was nearly up. all sense of discipline was gone and laughter and song claimed their sway— At 1/2 PM we let go anchor and the voyage was up. We were at New Bedford Mass, after an absence of 3 Months and 5 Days

New Bedford

Wilmore for 4 happy months and then away to blue water again.

During December January and Feb employed in keeping school in Wattapurate then after an unsuccessful trial of Boston for a trade, I returned home and entered the mantle shop working off and on nearly all summer but growing restless again I shipped bright and early one fine Monday morning with Capt. Delano to go as boy in the James R Keeler. After the usual process of fitting away but many battle the family knowing of it. I left and then I showed my foolishness in leaving home not one of all that household band could I take by the hand to bid good bye and for the time (unknown to me whether one year or many) I left my home. May their other boys stay and be to them all that they can wish and so make them forget that they have a sailor son Jackie Fisher

On Saturday October 24th 1863. I left my happy home, 4 o'clock the afternoon train from Marion to Middleboro, changed cars there for Fall River. Then took a cabin passage in the steamer "Bay State" for New York, Arriving there about 7 o'clock. Sunday morning. We (the third officer and two other boys beside myself) walked across the city, and came aboard the ship James R. Keeler. She is a large double topsail ship of 1500 tons burthen, Round stern and painted black. nothing was done in the way of getting ready for sea except having the running rigging rove off. It was a damp & foggy morning and having eaten nothing since the noon before, I was rather inclined to be hungry We found the 2nd officer and a boy who was to be a companion for us. We soon forked the way to the boarding house where we were to get our meals, and having stowed away enough for three our number we once more turned towards the Keeler, Although it was Sunday we were under the necessity of cleaning out the "Hatch House" so called because it stands upon the main hatch, when at sea, And so passed my first Sabbath

aboard the Jimsey Keeler, Bright and early the next morning we commenced to send aloft our sails, and all the week we were employed in fitting the ship for sea, And so well did the Officers improve the time that Saturday the 31st ult We were towed into the stream by the tug "Polar Star" Sunday was indeed a day of rest, and most fully did the writer appreciate it, employed writing home and realizing that perhaps it would be two or more years before "James R. Keeler arrived "would be seen in the New York Papers, It was a painful as well as pleasant task,

Tuesday November 3rd

took our anchor and made sail in tow of the "Polar Star," at sunset land was barely visible, All sail out all three Royals. The writer was last one down from aloft. Course S. E.

Wednesday 4th "

Commenced with a fine breeze from the N.W. Square yards, at 11 A. M. Rigged & set the fore topmast & lower fore stunsails.

Course S. E.

Aboard Ship James R. Keeler Bound to San-Francisco Cala.
Thursday Nov. 5th/63

Commenced with very light winds and fine weather. all sail out. On the Port tack. at 9½ A.M. the wind commenced to haul and hauled round from the N by E. to the W by N½ N. and at 3 hauled back a little. Now [4½ P.M.] Are under L'gallantsls and are on the Starboard tack. A good breeze and rather inclined to be squally. Course South East by East.

I am in the Mate's watch & Port watch & and so had the first "Eight hours below." Our third day from home, every thing is snug and going on nicely. Things are so different from what they were aboard the Rainbow that I am almost as green as if I had never been to sea before. We come on deck at 7½ A.M. the watch being called at 7 and allowed half an hour for breakfast. the other watch is called at 12 and come on deck at 12½. go below at 4 on deck at 4½ ~~below at 5½~~ and on deck at 7. below at 11 on deck at 3 below at 7 in the morning. This is what is called Watch and Watch. So far I like the Keeler very much indeed. the Officers are all pleasant and no profane language is allowed. Mrs Delano gives me a kind word and a smile, whenever she happens to see one. She appears very different from Miss Nichols although she was kind in her way.

James R. Keeler
of N. Y. to S.F
Nov 5 1863 -

Aboard Ship James R. Keeler bound for Frisco. California.

Friday November 6th Starboard watch called all hands to Reef
Commenced with strong breezes, and all sail out
commenced to take in sail, and kept on till we were
under nothing but Lower Fore topsail, Reefed Upper
and Whole Lower main topsail. Fore topmast-staysail
and Foresail. Carried away the starboard leech of
the Foretopsail. in clewing up Course S.S.E.

Saturday 7th

Commenced with light breezes and a
heavy swell - commenced to make sail and by
Breakfast time had every thing on her and the
Fore topsail sent down a spare one sent up and been
employed about the ship putting on chafing gear.
Course S. S.E.

Sunday 8th

Commenced with light winds and calms, at
about 11 am. a light breeze sprung up - and kept us bracing
up and bracing up. The Keeler leaks like a Riddle,
Keeps us pumping about an hour out of four.
The Fore sheets and all three Royals are stowed
Course Due East.

First Sunday at Sea. What are they doing at home
Tonight?

Aboard Ship James R. Keeler Making passage from
Friday November 13th 1863

My 1st ☆

Since Sunday last we have had a gale of wind and-strong breezes—calm weather. in Short We have had a variety of weather I wish every dry goods merchant would pretend to keep as varied an assortment as the Weather dealer dispenses to us poor sailors. But we have the comfortable assurance that we, aboard the Jimmy Keeler are not the only ones who have the winds and waves to buffet; Others have done the same before us and in the natural course of things many more will, after us. many who were not nearly as well cared for, With a miserable outfit with a leaky ship maybe, and worse than all the rest "Cruel and brutal Officers." We have good and comfortable clothing, it is warm weather, or just warm enough to be enjoyed in a watch below, and the Capt and officers allow no maltreatment of the crew. So with many blessings around and for us why should we not be cheerful, spite of all the pleasing recollections of home which come crowding upon us at every spare moment, (and often to me during my employed ones) and dark aleft and ahead!!!

Course South by East-

New York to San Francisco, Clark Delano Capt.

Friday 20th 1865

Since Friday last we have had quite pleasant weather and mostly North East trades. All sail out steering S.S East. I was off Duty from Tuesday morning till Thursday noon. Sick with Dysentery now all right once more. Charlie Delano is looking over my shoulder and says you need not write any thing about me. Pleasant Weather.

Course East South East.

Friday November 27th

Commenced with light winds and equally weather, first part under topsails latter and middle parts made all sail. Royals. the latitude 2 days before yesterday was 10.13 North.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving day. at home new York I was allowed yesterday aboard ship though, it was a rainey day. How many & how many times during the day did my thoughts return over the wide wastes of blue waters, to a certain house, where last evening were gathered the young and fair "to chase the glowing hours with flying feet" but each thought must not have a harbor in my mind, for I one naught to any one of them —

Ship James R. Keeler-making passage
Clark Delano Master — November 24

Friday December 4th/63.

Commenced with a pleasant wind from the S.E. Have had calm weather and rain squalls ever since Friday last. But I hope we have got the N.E. trades at last. Pleasant days and squally nights are the order of this latitude. Employed in overhauling lifts fore-upper block strops. brace pennants &c. making sennet. fakes and mats. Getting every thing snug aloft.

Saturday December 5th

3-10-17-24-1-8-15

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather. Six weeks from home to-day, and nearly five weeks out; How much I would like to hear from home, to day. I dare not say — scarcely think, — How are all the inmates of the "Marble Mansion"? & how many of my my companions remember Johnnie Pitcher?

All sail out.

Sunday December 6th

Commenced with pleasant breezes from the N.East. All sail out. At 4½ P.M. the eye splice in the mizzen (standing part of the Stay sail haulyards parted and down came the t'gallant by the

from New York to San-Francisco. California.
December 1863. Messrs. Willey. Atwood & Oglesby. Mates

Run on the esp. Just on the Royal and T'gallant sail were cleued up. and a gang Jumped to the mizzen top and sun had all right and the tie on deck again. Just at the Royal. To-day Crossed the Line. Heading the same as we have done for the last three or four days. S.W. by S. and from there to S.W. by W. Six weeks from home and, how are they there is the question ever uppermost in my mind. Ever, and especially on this day comes to my mind the old song of "do they miss me at home?"

Thursday December 17th 1863.

Commenced with moderate S.E. Trades All sail set & gone to wind. Lower gone stunsail & main T'gallant stunsail. Weather is just warm enough to be comfortable, & equally with showers of rain. Seven weeks from home and they are the loved ones there. Are my parents all they well? and my brothers & Sisters? Uncles Aunts and my own Weaver cousins? But that I forget my other cousins, but they seem nearer than any other of the cousins.

Sat. Dec. 19. South

Ship James R. Keeler Capt. Clark Delano. of New York.
Sunday Dec 20th/63

Commenced with moderate breezes and square yards. All sail and fore t'gallant mast & lower studdingsails set. During the week we have had various winds and weather and have steered various courses. but mostly from S by W. to S W by W. We have been employed in over hauling and reeving new Rigging as needed most fore or aft. Preparing ship generally for Cape Horn. We have had fair winds and pleasant weather, this week with the exception of two days. Are now (6 P.M.) braced up and just hewed our course S.S.W. Have had a pleasant voyage so far, Only one drawback and to a sailor that is a most serious one! The Jimmy Keeler leaks to the amount of 750 strokes in four hours, but we're good pumps & a good carpenter and plenty of Beef & hard bread.

8 Weeks from home. and ever as to-day comes round I think I may be pardoned (by the reader) if I for an instant drop the Guise of a feelingless Jack. and let my willing thoughts soar o'er the pathless deep behind and nestle like a hungry bird amid country scenes and faces, in my own country home. and where the cry of "8 bells here" is never heard, but two years must pass away before I can see the one or the Other.

Bound to San Francisco-California, December

Friday December 25th Christmas Day.

Commenced with dark lowry weather and a fair wind all sail and fore topmast- and lower studding sails set; at 7½ during a squall the topmast- stunsail tack-block- strap, parted causing us to haul down the stunsail and of course the lower stunsail came. next, Christmas day, one year ago last eve I was in the height of enjoyment amidst youth and beauty, and the fun attendant upon a "candy boiling party." but bye gones are bye gones, still it is natural that the mind, when freed from the active employment of the deck ~~was nothing to do~~ should return over the rolling deep, towards my own loved home. Course S W by S ½ S.

Lat 41.03

Sunday 27th

Commenced with fine weather and a fair wind all sail & stunsails set Weather is temperately cool- the days commence at 4 & 4 and last till 4 & 4.

At 8 bells Monday morning watch the Port watch went below and had just got undressed in when the cry of "All hands Reef Topsails." and we poor fellows were obliged to "turn out" and, then it was "Port Watch forard" "Starboard Watch aft." clew down the fore topsail" "lay up the Yardyards- haul out- the Reef tackles- aft here

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Ship James R. Keller Bound to Frisco. December 1865

and haul up the mainsail. Man the clewlines and leach lines." "All Ready sir" answer the crew. "Port away tack - round up lively boys - let go sheet," and the cry of the watch officers commands. the loud roaring noise of the wind as it sweeps the spray over us from head to foot stem and stern alike. Whistling through the rigging, blocks creaking - water and loose ropes spread over and cover the deck - the loud tramp - quick and firm - of the booted seamen. Make the ship seem like a babel of confusion. Then it is "clew down the Mizzen topsail Port watch." and "up you go and reef that sail." While the Port - watch are reefing that. the Starboard watch are doing the same with the main topsail. What a noise from those yards "light - out - to Wind-a-r-d" "light - o-u-t - lig - let him out" and "haul out to Weather-ward haul o-u-t!" Then on the lower yards and furl the courses. On deck and hoist the topsails. and below to our sleep after loosing two hours sleep. To say nothing of being wet through. Such is a sailors life - and such is ours. The watch soon began to make sail in the first watch put on every thing. in the morning watch Reeft topsails again. Such is the weather of the coast of the horn.

Tuesday Dec 29th /63

Made green water. Strong breezes. Under
Tops'ls & main t'gallant sls

Friday January 1st /1864

# 1864

Commenced with squally weather (winds & rain) heading to the S.S.E. Worked as usual to day. New Years.

Sunday Jan 3rd

Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.W. at 8 P.M. the wind hauled and hauling died away. Allowing us to head our Course South by West. Getting along slowly. Day Breaks about 2½ and closes 7½ Lat 45.34

Tuesday January 5th

Commenced with fine weather all sail out.
To day saw a school of Whales the first we have seen.

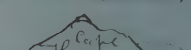
Saturday 9th

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather. All sail out. To day passed the Island of Staten Land. Course S.W.

Wednesday 13th

Commenced with strong breezes under close reefed topsails, & fore topmast & storm staysails heading W.N.W. For the last day or two we have had quite squally weather, Snow and hail squalls. the nights are only about ½ hours long indeed scarcely any night is noticeable now. Sun rises about ½ past three and sets about ½ of 9 or ½ past eight—

Ship James R. Keeler of 3 from New York for San Francisco

Thursday Jan 14th/64 **Cape Horn** 


Jan 27
Dec 31
Jan 14 72 days

Commenced with light breezes and moderate weather. At Three o'clock A.M. (Cabin Bells) made land. and then commenced to make sail. It is now in sight as I write, and is called by that so much dreaded name "Cape Horn." Nearly 72 days from New York. I scarcely dare think of the days that may must pass ere we reach "Frisco" and then Home. All I ask is to find three or four letters awaiting the arrival of "ship James R. Keeler" at S.F.

Tuesday January 19th

Commenced with strong breezes and a very heavy sea running. At five in the morning a sea boarded us and swept us from the weather fore rigging to the taffrail staving the bulwark-gally door, Boats and washing away water casks and spar, Decks. I was in my berth in the Hatch-house at the time and a part of the sea striking the door burst in the panel and flooded about half a bucket of water in my face but the 2nd mate kindly offered his room and in the course of the day the whole five of us were domesticated in his room 3 in 3 bunks. 4 in one watch and 3 in the other. I am nineteen years old today and this is my birth day present: to be remembered as long as I remember anything.

Clark Delano Master, Passengers Wife & child. 1864

Tuesday 26th

Commenced with strong breezes and heavy weather

I am three months aboard ship to day— this morning being smell knocked off duty, and Capt Delano kindly offered me the use of a berth in the cabin sharing the stateroom with Albert. I am treated very kindly indeed heal. Capt & Mrs Delano doing all in their power for me. I know it is very wrong but still I cannot help wishing that I had a small quantity of the health of which some of my shipmates seem to have an over abundance.

Thursday 28th

Commenced with a very heavy swell. for the last 14 days we have made little or nothing having to contend with contrary winds. heading N W by W on one tack and S W by S on the other. have been obliged to shorten sail a great many times often, every watch leaving nothing but the lower fore and main topsail on her and storm trysail. I shall turn to this afternoon.

Ship James R. Keeler of and from New York for Jam-
Sunday Jan 31st

Commenced with moderate breezes from the Northward. In the morning watch set the fore & mizzen t'gallt'l sails & the main royal. at 8 in the forenoon called all hands to shorten sail a heavy looking squall being close aboard us. took in Royal & t'gallt'sls t'gallant stay sail & jib topsail. But the squall proving light set the fore & main t'gallant sails. Heading by the wind S.S.W.

I am hoping, some of my dear six Hundred friends, today are thinking about getting together pens & paper to write to me. But I expect they have forgotten, long ere this, that there was any such being as the boy "what went to sea." Some I am almost sure will make their promise good and write, if only to pass away the time and satisfy their conscience. But whether they write or not I will deal by them as I would they should by me, and write to them "i-e" to those to whom I promised to afflict with a scrawl. If they who have never been from home any time could imagine with what eagerness the absentee receives his letter — I am certain they would overcome all their little excuses as want of time and to the absent one give a heart warming and precious epistle. But I am rather

Ps Francisco Cala. Clark Delano Master. Ps February 1864.

Saturday Feb 12th 64

Commenced with calms and fine weather all sail out; To day is the first day that work has been carried on for some time.

Feb 13th The 1st officer gave me the time and I worked the reckoning. Which gave me in Lat 5°.32 S & Lon 77.21 W. Got a fair wind to day the first one in 30 days were off the Isthmus Course N.W.

Sunday 14th

Commenced with light breezes and fine clear weather of moderate temperature. All day to day and yesterday have been in sight of a large fine topsail merchantman, this afternoon signalized him and he proved to be a Yankee. of his name and ect I am unable to write; to-day is the first Sunday we have seen of real Pacific Ocean weather. To me it seems quite natural to be once more in the sea of calms and splendid weather. Though nearly eighteen months have elapsed since I was obliged to bid farewell to that sea (for a time) I have not by any means forgotten the weather which we had there for upwards of a year. Course by the wind and heading up N.W. Lat 3°.42 S

Ship James R. Keeler of 3 from New York for San Francisco

Sunday Feb 21st

Commenced with light winds and pleasant weather all sail Royals. Topmast Gallant stunsails to buoy. Bowling along with square yards running down the S.E. Trades Weather is warm and comfortable as usual, but a cloud obscures the brightness of the morning as the fiery God rises in all his resplendend gorgeousness Course N.W.

Lon 87 W Lat 28 30 N

Wednesday 24th

All have Trade winds. All sail and stunsails, out making about N.W. course, rather short for water but have a "condenser" rigged and at work. Splendid weather and pleasant breezes. Employed in setting up and turning in Gallant & royal backstays Lat 22 N Lon 12 W.

Monday 29th

Commenced to "Rattle and tar down" Port fore and main rigging. Fine weather and all sail out

Ship Calypsina. Clark Delano. Master. Wife & child Passengers.

Tuesday March 1st/64

## Man last overboard.

To day is a day ever to be remembered with a thrill of horror by the crew of the Keeler. Viz. At 4 o'clock & 10 minutes in the forenoon I was at the wheel steering N W ½ N. when the cry of "Man over Board" was raised. I put the wheel down as quickly as the Capts wife and the "watch on deck" after. A life preserver was immediately thrown landing only a short distance from him. A boat was lowered and shoved off, by the time he had been in the water twenty minutes. The chief mate steered to the spot as near as possible where he was seen last but after pulling for some time and not seeing any thing of him. The sad truth at length slowly came over their minds that he was drowned. After being aboard 4 months and having passed through all the dangers of cape Horn in safety it seems doubly hard to loose him here in light weather and no sea of any account at the time. His name was I believe Henry Newberry He deceases a wife and child in Milwaukee who will look for tidings of the husband and father but never more. Tell the Grand trump shall sound shall they see the much loved face who now lies in the fathomless deep. Lat 13.30 S. Lon 100.20 W.

Ship James R. Keeler of and from New-York for Frisco.—

Sunday March 13th

To-day we have the last of the southeast trades. All sail out have not shifted a royal sheet since we took them.

Wednesday 16th

To-day took the NE trade winds. have been since the sixth, in light variable winds and calms

Sunday 20th

Commenced with string trades. took in the royals last night: and now the Spanker, (Jib-mizzen) are in. for the first time for a month. During the last few days I have been employed in the agreeable task of "writing home" And long and closely written pages are the reward of my application. —— The ship is now tarred down fore and aft: masts scraped — iron work painted aloft, and the white painting also done The fore main and mizzen lower rigging set up, sides rattled down, and the ship begins to look ship shape, scraping is going on on deck. spars are being varnished &c &c preparatory to entering Frisco.

Clark Delano Master. J. Howard Willey 1st Y.C. Edwards 2nd W.H. Oglesby 3rd Officer

Sunday 27th

Commenced with strong breezes from the NE. took in the t'gallant-sls and fit on jack and spanker. Towards night came up to N by E. By this time I guess we are nearly if not quite out of our Westing and only about 17 or 18 degrees of latitude are now to make and how soon we shall be in Yokio time only can prove. Each day am I getting more and more impatient for the sight of that land of our destination, and of that brother whom for fourteen years has been an exile from the land of his birth and from the bosom of his family. who long to see him — oh how much.

Tuesday March 29

Last the tracks — At 4½ P.M. while furling the Main Royal the seizing parted that holds the "Buntline" block aloft. and in the natural course of things it came down. Well as it was on its "downward passage it came in contact with that useless piece of furniture known as John Spooner. and as his head was then in the track of said falling block. said head received a slight rap — just enough to indicate the force which an object weighing four or five pounds strapped with iron can be brought to attain, but just for the "spite" of the thing I was obliged to go on the sick list.

Remarks on Board Ship James R.

April 5th 1864

Am still off duty, though almost well. I could not have been taken better care of if I had have been at home. Capt & Mrs Delano are very kind indeed to me, and take every care of the scratch which has laid me up. Now just as the Passage is nearly up. For could we have three days of fair wind we might enter the Harbor of San Francisco at the third day. Earnestly do I hope that there are many many letters awaiting our arrival. But till the time comes we must remain in doubt, and suffer all the different emotions of hope fear and anxiety. I have written to nearly all whom I promised to afflict with a scrawl, and shall I continue to write? to those who I dare say will read mine, give it a toss and say "well I must certainly answer it." and that is the last of it. Some I am certain have written to me, and to them shall all my spare sheets of ink be directed. But sentimentalising is not hardly as profitable as some vocations so here still my

next

Keeler of New York. Clark Delano Capt.

Thursday April 11th

# LAND OH!

Today commenced with moderate breezes and foggy hazy weather. This morning sent both cables and, afternoon overhauled 15 fathom on the windlass. Turned two this afternoon. Made the land of California today, after 160 days passage when we made the pitched for land the wind was unfavorable and we were obliged to tack at 7 PM and head W by N on the offshore tack.

Wednesday 13th

Commenced with moderate winds & hazy weather. Yesterday were under topsls & fore & mainsail. Pitched towards the land last night at 7 heading NNE. This morning all sail was made & she came up to N by E. This afternoon got up 60 fathom on the port chain. We in hopes to make the land this afternoon. With a good wind we could make Frisco & be at anchor tomorrow morning at 8 A.M.

How many at home are looking for letters now I wonder. & how many letters are there in Frisco for me? Time only can prove.

Arrived the 24th of Apr 64 at San Francisco,
Saw Alden - came aboard 25th
26th Left my ship & went ashore to board,
to find my sweet life & hope
for ever)

Left employ of Stafford and Spencer in Feby 1865—
was in A. D. Eisen architect office till may 1865
May 8—1865 entered employ of Bradley and Rulofson
429 Montgy St— Photographers— in aug 1867 went to
Stockton to start business — Brownell & Spencer — sold
to Brownell & Tuttle and on Oct 24th again entered
employ of Bradley & Rulofson remained with them
till Sept 1— 1870— Last 3 yrs being foreman and
doing all the outside buying for the firm — having
20 to 30 employees under me— Sept 19th, 1869 was
married to Sarah E Williams at her home in
Stockton Cal she being a sister of Alden —
continued business alone till May 1—1900
when sold to E. J. McCullagh he sold to
J. W. Wells Dec 15—1901—
when I left Stockton in 1867—did not get all
my money for the business and took it back
again Sept 1st 1870— hiring a crew & run it
till Sept 1st 1870— so I did business for yrs
and 1 mo— —. Had raised a son who has
been now some yrs— deputy Co Surveyor married
and has 2 children and a daughter nineteen yrs
School teacher married Aug 12—1908—
Time has dealt kindly with us all—
Alden died Mar 24— 1907— was cremated
at S. F. Cal— now almost 45 yrs from date
of leaving home Oct 24—1863 writer is old
and gray— Tho' fairly well—

Stockton Cal Oct. 14—1908

J. D. [illegible]

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# "When this Cruel War is over."

Dearest love, do you remember,
When we last did meet,
How you told me that you loved me,
Kneeling at my feet?
Oh, how proud you stood before me,
In your suit of blue,
When you vowed to me and country,
Ever to be true.

Chorus

Weeping, sad and lonely,
Hopes and fears, how vain,
Yet praying, when this cruel war is over,
Praying that we meet again.

When the summer breeze is sighing,
Mournfully along,
Or when autumn leaves are falling,
Sadly breathes the song,
Oft, in dreams I see thee lying
On the battle plain,
Lonely, wounded, even dying,
Calling but in vain.

Chorus

If amid the din of battle,
Nobly you should fall,
Far away from those who love you,
None to hear you call;
Who would whisper words of comfort,
Who would soothe your pain?
Ah! the many cruel fancies,
Ever in my brain.

Chorus. Weeping sad and lonely &c.

But our country called you, darling,
Angels cheer your way;
When our nation's are fighting,
We can only pray,
Nobly strike for God and Liberty,
Let all nations see,
How we love our Starry Banner,
Emblem of the free,

Chorus. Weeping sad and lonely,
Hopes and fears how vain,
Yet praying, When this cruel war is over
Praying that we meet again.

# The Violet

Down in a green and shady bed,
A modest violet grew,
Its stalk was bent, it hung its head,
As if to hide from view.
And yet it was a lovely flower
Its colours bright and rare,
It might have graced a rosier bower,
Instead of hiding there.
But there it was content to bloom
So modest in the shade,
And there diffused as sweet perfume
Within its silent glade.
Then let me to the valley go,
This pretty flower to see;
That I may also learn to grow
In sweet humility.

Charles K Bovell

# The Sunset

Come hither and let us behold,
The Sun as he sinks to his rest;
The clouds dipped with crimson and gold
Are spreading all over the west.
Let us go to the top of the hill,
And watch them come sweeping along,
All nature is lonely and still,
And the birds have all ended their song.
The Sun that shone bright all the day
Has now gone out of our sight,
And we must now hasten away,
For soon 'twill be darkness and night.
O then like the bright setting Sun,
May we to our duties attend,
And think on a day well begun,
And cheerfully welcome the end.

Charles R. Rood

"Hush! a still small voice he whispering utters
Remember "God is love,"
And nerve me to raise my trembling voice,
From Earth to Heaven above.

Farewell farewell to you, my mother,
Farewell my childhood's home!
Farewell to fields and vales, mother,
O'er which I used to roam!
Farewell to thee to my father,
Brothers, and sisters too;
Well all keep one heart as one, mother,
Till the gates of Heaven me view.

Written from Andersonville
March 9th 1864

The whales song

1st

See the sun from his Ocean bed rises
Broad oer the seas his glittering light does throw
Hark from our masthead that joyful sound is ringing,
"Hard on our lee beam a whale there she blows."
Call up your sleepers then your Larboard and your Starboard watch
Main yard aback and your boats clear away
Hard on our lee beam see the white water gleams
Gleaming and foaming in gallant display.

— 3rd —

See the Leviathan how viciously she's rolling
making the seas her luxurious bed
While oer her head the seabirds are flying
Caressing the billows that dash oer her head

— 4th —

Run heartily now for the pride of your nation
Bring to your oars let the singing sweat come free
And give to your blood free circulation
Bring from your throats and give way all you know

— 5th —

See the boats advance gaily as to a dance
Gliding like shadows across the deep seas
Stand up and give her some send both your arms home
Turn all-taun the boat see your line is all clear

—6th—

Wounded and sore fins and flukes in commotion
Blackskin and oars now entered with the spray
Loud and so shrill sounds the horn of the ocean
Gallied and sore she "lingo tho" is dismay.

—7th—

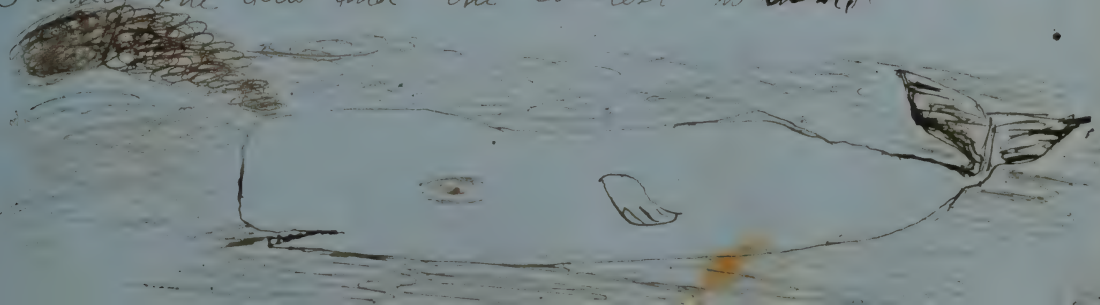
Haul line every man gather in all your oars
Lances and spades from your thwarts clear away
Now Take your oars again while fast each boat remains
Slowly but surely we hold her in play.

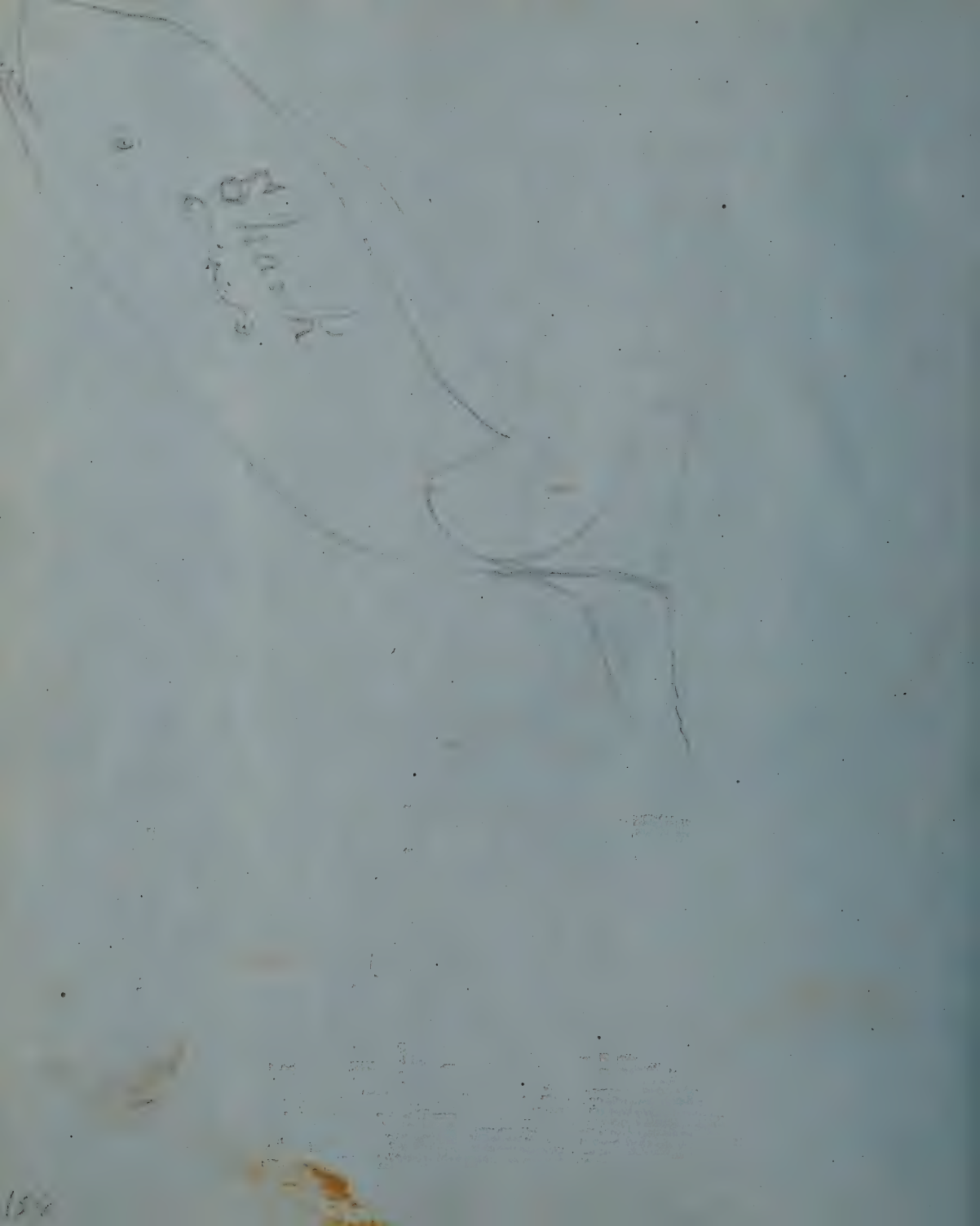
—8th—

Surrounded by foes but with strength undiminished
Madly she lashes her flukes in the air
A lance in her life and the struggle is finished
Slowly she turns with her chimney on fire

—9th—

Loud sings the joyous shout from each seamans mouth
While she lashes the water then a terrible spray
Now looking at her dying see the red signal flying
Slowly she dies and the contest is over





## The Belle of the Mohawk Vale

Sweet is the vale where the Mohawk gently glide
On its clear winding way to the sea,
But dearer than all storied streams on earth besides
Is this bright rolling river to me.

Chorus

But sweeter - dearer - yes dearer far than these
Is memory when others all fail
Is my blue eyed bonny boying Elsie
The belle of the Mohawk vale -

2nd

Sweet are the scenes of my boyhood sunny hours
Which spangled this gay valley over,
And dear are the friends seen through memories fond tears,
As they lived in the fairest days of yore,

Chorus

Sweet are the moments when dreaming I roam
Through ruined haunts once mossy and grey
But dearer than all is my childhoods hallowed home
That is now slowly crumbling away.

Chorus

Keys Chaunce at Waterloo. A Hymn

'Twas the corsican's last struggle — dark and livid rose the morn
Where on the field of waterloo, light waved the tawny corn,
And where proud England's chivalry, fresh from the gaddy dance,
Went forth to bide in wars red tide, the Grand Army of France,
There 'fore the rival nations, there each ensign fluttered high,
Nodding its stern defiance as it streamed toward the sky.

~ II ~

There the farmer boys of Yorkshire, the conscript from the Seine
And veteran from the Indies, and from Missouri's icy plain,
The shepherd of the Highlands and Italian's swarthy sons
The high noblesse of England, the Empire's worthy peers
All all went forth that sinful morn, with hearts of bounding pride,
Went forth as to a bridal, — to meet death as a bride

~ III ~

Hark! the shrieking trumpet! hark! the rolling drum!
Hark! now the crashing cannon shot proclaim the battle storm!
Be merry death! for never yet, in one short summer morn
Hast thou reaped a bloodier harvest, than in yonder trampled corn,
The day wore on — more and more the fiery cuirassiers,
Still poured against the bayonets of the stout English squares!

The smoke had settled dark and grey
And in that battle cloud
Both armies were enveloped as in some Titanic shroud.
Then on Ney rode headlong, to where Napoleon stood,
"Fire! Fire!!" he cried, "the Russians they are debouching from the wood.
Napoleon turned at those dread words he felt the Empire grand
Sinking like withering ashes from beneath his nerveless hand.

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"Send for the Guard of Moskwa! hasten my Guards advance!
On him and them alone must rest the destiny of France."
The imperial command was sent, and answer not of fear
To where the Russian's sullen gun sent warning to his ear.
"I am here" he said "my Chieftain I have erred but I am true!
I am here to die, as I have lived, for glory, France, and you."

=VII=

"Ney" said the Emperor "dear Ney thou friend in better days
The brotherless star is dull and dim to his fading from his gaze.
The men he made immortal have left him, one by one,
The princes, peers, and marshals — Ney and brethren all are gone
Of the bravest of the bravest, the Emperor alone must fall?
Go! lead the Guards! the last great charge must save or ruin all.

VII

"Strike once again for glory — for safety — Liberty dies to-day"
"The world's vast fate hangs quivering on thy valiant arm to-day"
The bear skins of the grenadiers gleam grimly through the rain;
No roll of drum — no trumpet to is heard to cheer them on,
Through blue and livid sheets of flame they tends themselves they go
Till he hurls them, as an avalanche, against the shrinking foe.

VIII

Still on! the solid ranks before them charge are scattered wide,
And yet those foes, like hydra's heads, spring up on every side;
Volcanic bursts of red-hot rain are vain to make them fly —
They cannot run — they will not turn — so, leave them to die.
They are falling, they are falling; but each soldier only sees
His loved tricolor still streaming, defiant in the breeze.

IX

And though on front, flank, rear, is shrieked the Saxons mad hurrah
Each bleeding square dies proudly there, with "Vive l'Empereur"
But fainter — fainter are the cries, and fewer are the men;
The remains of the Grenadiers are low upon the plain.
"'Tis sunset," Old red Waterloo, the shroud of night is thrown;
Napoleon! thy Guard is dead! a broken toy thy crown!

By Coleman.

3. P. S. Spring Reporter April 17th 1862.

1860 An account of Goods sold by Ship Rainbow
June 11th Sold to Capt Worth of ship Smith
3 boxes of white soap 96 pcs. of pumps.
" 19 To "Mr. Wallaston" of Oneida"
16 pcs of pumps. & 1 box of Tobacco.
1 piece of cloth for Boat sail

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| August 2d | Johan Mc Grieve | 4 lbs Soap. | Tobacco | Sept 1st 1 Knife |
| " | Frank, | 10 " | 1 | 1 Heath knife |
| " | Marvel | 10 lbs Soap | 2 lbs Tobacco | " " |
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# The Grave of Bonaparte.

On a lake Lucerne's side, where the wild swan skims the billow,
And sails the stern rock, and the loud tempests rave,
The hero lies still, and the dew drooping willow
Like fond weeping mourners lean over the grave.
The lightnings may flash and the loud thunders rattle,
He heeds not, he hears not, he's free from all pain,
He sleeps his last sleep, he has fought his last battle
No sound can awake him to glory again.

Oh shade of the mighty, when nod are the legions,
That rushed but to conquer when thou led'st them on,
Alas! they have perished in fair chilly regions,
And all save the fame of their triumph is gone.
The trumpet may sound, and the loud cannon rattle,
They hear not, they hear not, they're freed from all pain,
They sleep their last sleep, they have fought their last battle
No sound can awake them to glory again.

Yet, spirit immortal, the tomb cannot bind thee,
For like thine own eagle, that soared to the sun,
Thou springest from bondage and leavest behind thee
A name which before thee no mortal had won.
Though nations may combat, and wars thunders rattle
No more on the steed, will thou sweep over

They sleep their last sleep they have fought their last battle
No sound can awake them to glory again.

Samuel A Gardner

Lucretia E C Coughlin

Sugar Daily 1st "
Butter 1 Aug 4th "
Pork " 4th "

= List of Groceries =

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Oct 10th ½ bot
Oct 26th Sugar & Oil
Oct 10th Flour
Oct 26th Butter
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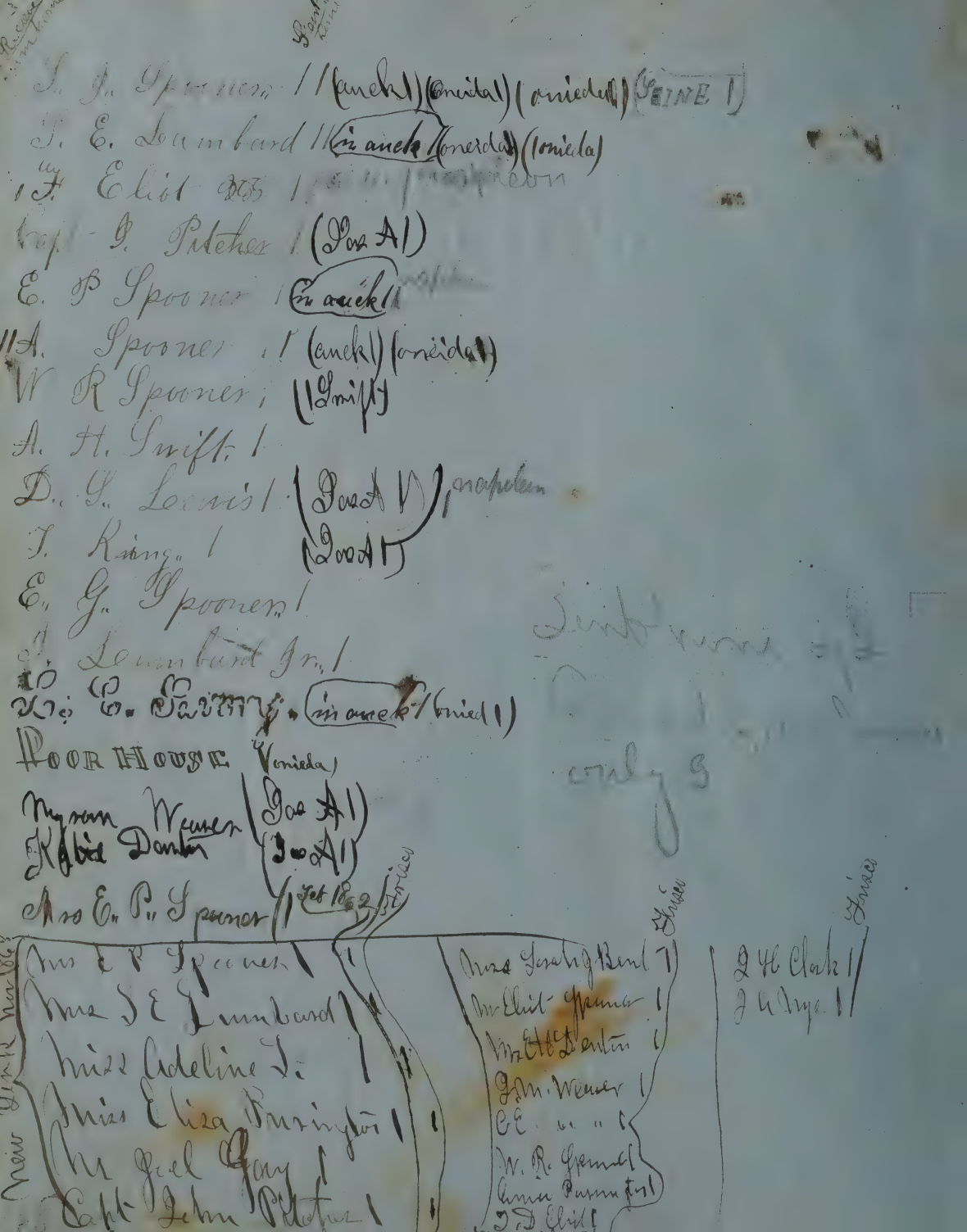
Coffee Oct 26th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Down To the sea "Bark

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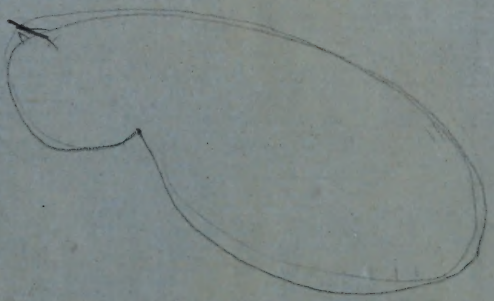

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